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December 03, 2019

MESSAGE

I am glad to know that Utkal University is holding the closing ceremony of Platinum Jubilee on December 8, 2019. A commemorative souvenir is also being brought out on the occasion.

75 years marks an important milestone in the development of Utkal University and is a truly memorable occasion for all the members of University family. In my capacity as Chancellor, it is my great pleasure to be part of these joyous celebrations.

Over the years, Utkal University has nurtured generations of graduates, who have made a mark in life and become leaders in their professions. In addition, the research and innovation of scholars have won applause and honour.

It is time for rejoicing and also rededicating to meet the emerging challenges and shoulder greater responsibility. With dedicated and concerted efforts, I am confident that Utkal University will continue to move from strength to strength further glorifying its reputation.

I wish Utkal University and publication all success.

Ganeshi Lal

(Ganeshi Lal)

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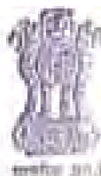
MESSAGE

I am glad to know that the Utkal University is celebrating the completion of its Platinum Jubilee coupled with its Foundation Day from November 23-27, 2019, and bringing out a souvenir in commemoration.

The Utkal University is a pre-eminent university of our country. Its alumni have established themselves in diverse fields serving the Nation in different capacities. I hope the institute will scale new heights in the field of education in coming years. The celebration this year will be more meaningful and inspire the present generation of students to achieve their desired goal.

I wish the celebration all success.

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Dharmendra Pradhan





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Message

I am happy and proud that Utkal University will celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of its foundation from 23 to 27 November 2019 in its PG campus, Vani Vihar. I believe it is bringing out a souvenir to mark the occasion.

It is remarkable how the University —through its 75 years long journey—has played a pivotal role in shaping the higher education landscape of Odisha.

Utkal University may be Odisha's oldest University with a strong tradition but at the same time it is lively and forward looking place. As a student of its affiliated college and later as student of the PG campus, a popular slogan of was 'what Vani Vihar thinks today Odisha thinks tomorrow'.

I am sure the University will continue nourishing the talent of Odisha and reach new heights in academic achievements.

Wish the Platinum Jubilee celebration and publication of souvenir a grand success.

(Dharmendra Pradhan)



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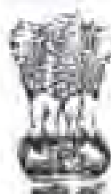
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(ଡ. ଅରୁଣ କୁମାର ସାହୁ)

Madhu Sudan Padhi, IAS
Principal Secretary to
the Governor, Odisha



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November 25, 2019

MESSAGE

I am glad to know that Utkal University is observing the completion of Platinum Jubilee Celebration with its Foundation Day from 23rd to 27th November 2019. A souvenir is also being brought out in commemoration of this historic occasion.

Utkal University, called the Mother University in the state rises to its present height bringing cheers and pride to everyone who have been part of this remarkable journey by the University. Over the past seventy five years, Utkal University has served the state and the nation by producing generations of students whose contribution towards the development of the social, economic, political and cultural life of people is well recognized. I send my congratulations and good wishes to the University on the occasion of the Foundation Day and Platinum Jubilee Celebration.

Let the spirit of this great Institution continue to inspire to build it even bigger, on the old foundations with renewed vigour and dedication. The Souvenir would fill hearts with righteous pride and pleasure and will remain an elegant and inspiring monument for future generation of student.

I wish the occasion and publication all success.

(Madhu Sudan Padhi)



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Message

I am highly delighted to be a part of the closing ceremony of Platinum Jubilee celebration. The journey of Utkal University for last 75 years has been an enduring one with all efforts pooled in to focus on nurturing the University to achieve the status of most preferred University in Odisha. I would like to acknowledge with thanks the contributions of founder members of Utkal University and all the stake holders who had relentlessly contributed towards achieving the academic excellence.

Utkal University called the Mother University in the state rises to its present height bringing cheers and pride to everyone who have been part of this remarkable journey of the University. It was a memorable occasion for all the stake holders. The event, I feel, was very successful and I would like to thank everybody for their kind and unfailing support. Sometimes simplest things mean the most.

I am humbled and grateful to be a part of this Platinum Jubilee and will always treasure this moment for my life time. I am touched beyond words.

Soumendra Mohan Patnaik

Bijay Kumar Patnaik
Convenor, Utkal Alumni



Message

I am indeed delighted that my alma mater, Utkal University, has celebrated her Platinum Jubilee. As one of the oldest Universities of the country, she has given birth to thousands of brilliant scholars and eminent persons who have carved out a distinctive identity for themselves in their respective fields. They are in all parts of India and all over the globe. The Jubilee celebration is an occasion to bind them together and to remind them of the glorious contribution of this great institution to their lives.

A time has now come to give back to our alma mater what we have got from her in more ways than one.

I wish my friends the very best on this occasion and I hope we can make our University one of the best in the country and in the world.

B.K.Patnaik

Looking Ahead: Foundation Day Speech by Vice Chancellor

Prof. Soumendra Mohan Patnaik
Vice Chancellor

Esteemed Chief guests revered Shri Naveen Patnaik Ji, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha.

Guest of Honor Respected Dr. Subroto Bagchi,Chairman Odisha Skill Development Corporation.

Hon'ble Minister Higher Education Dr. Arun Sahoo.

Hon'ble Member of Parliament Dr. Achyut Samant.

Local MLA Shri Susant Kumar Rout.

Chairperson P.G.Council Prof. Sabita Acharya.

Registrar Shri Dayanidhi Nayak.

Chairpersons Different State PSU/CPSU.

Distinguished faculty members, staff and alumni from various corners of India.

Respected Government Officers, Police DG/Commissioner Police/DCP, Media Persons and my dear students the future of Odisha.

Ladies & Gentlemen.

I extend a warm and hearty welcome to you on this fine morning of 23rd Nov auspicious, Margasira ekadasi.

On the occasion of celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of this premier University, which was founded at a very critical juncture of Indian History,7 years after the formation of the separate province of Orissa and 4years before Indian Independence.

I have been looking for an Odia word for "Platinum". And have no hesitation in confessing that I have still to find one. But Platinum has a color-"Bluish Grey" and grey is the color of transformation and the idea of transformation constitutes an important component of the: 5T,the Unique mantra of responsive administration, given by our Hon'ble Chief Minister is infact a formula to understand the elementary structure of contemporary governance applicable to all forms of social, governmental and academic institutions.

Universities are unique institutions: Part family, Part corporations and part government. They are institutions with long history; in the context of western countries, they are the longest unbroken chain after Catholic Church.

Utkal University has attained the distinction of serving the humanity for last 75 glorious years and has always connected – the distant dots.

The new campus at Chandikhole, which became possible due to Blessings of our Revered Chief Minister in last academic year, is focusing on skill based education and competency based learning so as to make rural spaces more attractive for the youth.

In the entire University of Utkal, more specifically at Vani Vihar campus, there is a renewed interest to achieve the "cosmopolitan character' by emerging as an epicenter of higher education in the part of the country.

The newly created Utkal International Office is already in the process of connecting the International scholars, especially the Odia diaspora abroad for creating a strong base for knowledge economy ensuring democratization of knowledge production.

In this neo-liberal economy one of the questions that loom large in our mind is: Why public universities need to be strengthened? # Primarily because the right to education has to be realized even among the poorest youth of the remotest corner of the state country.

Utkal University has always received the Blessings of Hon'ble Chief Minister – in terms of New campus, digital library, central instrumentation centre, language blocks … And more recently the much awaited boundary wall project and modernization of Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati Auditorium…. RUSA; World Bank and many more.

Utkal will enter into a highly competitive process for getting assistance under RUSA – 3.0 (beginning early next year 2020)

While making a perspective plan for 15 years, Utkal realized that it takes us to 2035, at the door step of celebrating 100 years (Satabarshiki) of Odisha's political existence.

We are fortunate that at this critical juncture of Odisha's history presence has showered Blessings on all of at this historic Biju Patnaik Sports Complex.

With your blessings Sir! Utkal University will strive to produce the future citizens of Odisha and taking inspirations from its intellectual heritage of Satyabadi, it would continue to play its role as "Manisha Tiari Karakhana".

Vande Mataram

Vande Utkal Janani

Report of the Registrar for the Foundation Day – 27.11.2019

His Excellency Professor Ganeshi Lal, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha and Chancellor, Utkal University

Hon'ble justice Shree Dipak Misra, former Chief Justice of India,

Prof. Soumendra Mohan Patnaik, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

Chairperson, P.G. Council,

Respected Syndicate Members

Director, Students Welfare

All the Teachers, Officers, Employees, Winners of medals and prizes, Distinguished invitees & Guests, Members of the Print and Electronic Media, Students & Alumni, Ladies and Gentlemen

It is indeed a pleasure and honour on my part to present the achievement report of the University before this august gathering.

In my report I will focus particularly on four major areas in which University has excelled those are:

(1) Reforms, (2) Research, (3) Faculty/Student achievements (4) Special Achievents.

To begin with, Sir, the **Alumni Website** which was inaugurated by your honour on this very day last year in 2018, helped us in bringing together, more than 6000 alumni of the university culminating in the **mega Alumni Meet on 24th November 2019.**

During this academic year, Sir, the university organized its **49th convocation** where **674 students** were awarded D. Litt and Doctoral degrees for the years **2016-17 & 2017-18.**

1. Reforms: The University took significant steps in bringing about examination and academic reforms this year.

The university shifted to digital evaluation through OMR for its P.G, M. Phil & Ph. D entrance examinations to ensure transparency in higher education. The university, also for the first time conducted its M. Phil & Ph. D entrance examinations on the national level with centers in Delhi, Hyderabad and Guwahati.

As part of its Academic Reforms, the university not only introduced courses in the German and Japanese languages, it also launched the M. Ed and B. Ed programmes and Masters in Hindi this year.

At its 2nd Campus in Chandikhole, the B.Sc. programme in Nursing has been introduced along with new courses on Rural Management, Masters in Public Health etc.

Furthering its digital initiative, under the Odisha Right to Public Service Act, in collaboration with CMGI, the university has made the process of procuring Migration Certificate & CLC, online and has also taken steps for the publication of results within 45 days.

2. Research:

Utkal University is committed to basic long-term research in frontier areas. To that end we have set up centers of excellence in Climate change & public health, public policy and governance, North-east India studies, unorganized labour, Language, literature & culture, High energy physics & Advanced Chemistry with funding from RUSA and World Bank.

An International Cell has been made functional with World Bank funding in order to promote cooperation, research and educational exchanges with universities across the globe, Utkal University has signed MoUs with the Universities of California, Miami, Boston and the North-Eastern University.

2 Institutional Chair Professors in association with the Reserve Bank of India and the Govt. of India funded Chair Professor in memory of Buxi Jagabandhu Bidyadhara have been set up.

Utkal University has entered into a collaborative study of manuscripts discovered in China with Sarala Das Chair

Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

As part of its Platinum Jubilee Lecture series, the University organized 10 lectures delivered by internationally renowned scholars and academicians.

3. Faculty/Student achievements:

During this year the various P.G departments of the University organized 7 International seminars, 26 National seminars and 5 national workshops.

Teacher Training Programmes funded by World Bank -Odisha Higher Education Programme for Excellence & Equity were organized by the College Development Council to train undergraduate teachers in the newly implemented CBCS syllabus.

Principal's Conference was also organized to enhance the preparedness of our affiliated colleges for NAAC accreditation.

40 of our teachers have participated and presented papers in National level conferences. 6 of our teachers participated in International seminars, workshops and leadership programmes in Greece, Australia, Srilanka, Thailand, Italy, and USA. During this period our teachers have published 15 books and more than 80 papers in peer reviewed journals of national and international repute. 8 major projects and 4 minor projects supported by UGC, ICSSR, DST, DBT, Govt. of Odisha are undertaken.

4. Our students are our assets. University organized a centralized Induction programme for all the fresher's. 188 students of different departments have qualified for the Junior Research Fellowship & UGC-NET. More than 40 students of different science departments qualified GATE and other exams. Our students have received International fellowships to pursue PhD outside India. Several students have also been selected by Indian Academy of Science for higher studies.

5. The UGC-HRDC center at the University organized 9 Refresher Courses, 3 Orientation programmes and 1 short-term course where 587 teachers from various universities and colleges participated. An Induction Training Programme, was organized for the 120 newly recruited teachers by the Govt. of Odisha, HRDC also successfully launched an Online Refresher Course in Anthropology, under ARPIT on Swayam.

6. Last but not least, the University commemorated the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2nd October 2019 with the inaugural of the Ahimsa Sthal and the Gandhi Memorial Park in the university premises. A diploma course on Peace Studies was also launched on this occasion.

We are optimistic about the future and sensitive to the challenges ahead. I thank the Hon'ble Chancellor for his continued support for our university. I place on record our gratitude and thank all of you for the patient hearing.

Thank you one and all.

Bande Utkal Janani

(Shri Dayanidhi Nayak)

Registrar

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My Vani Vihar Part I

Asoka Kumar Das

My first acquaintance with Vani Vihar was on the first Monday of July, 1971. I had just passed from BJB College with Physics Honours and got admitted in to the M.Sc. course in Physics at Utkal University. It was very difficult to get a seat, particularly in Physics. Unlike the present time, there was no entrance test. Professor B. B. Deo had decided that the admission to physics will be on the basis of entire career instead of performance in Bachelor's examination alone. So, there I was, standing in front of the notice board in the first floor of the physics building, checking my name and patting myself on the back for securing a place at Vani Vihar.

Vani Vihar was the ultimate higher education destination for all of us for whom a good education was the "be all and end all" of our life. Life at Vani Vihar was tough. I was a day scholar. I used to cycle to the physics department at 8.30 am every day. Each Class used to be anywhere from one and half to two hours. Two to three classes in the morning and practicals in the afternoon. The building housed the part I students, part II students, research scholars and faculty. Everybody was mortally frightened of Professor Deo. He was reputed and also seen as being totally devoted to physics and nothing else. As classes started and gained momentum, there was the issue of text books. Professor Deo had solved it very effectively by creating a lending library. It was truly a boon for students like me who could ill afford to buy them. In our batch we were four from BJB College, two were from SCS college Puri, some from Ravenshaw and others from spread all over the state. All of them were absolute top class students and graduated to great thinkers. Some of them became the top bankers of the nation starting from the Apex bank itself. Some became great physics teachers building foundations of new learning. A few like me got in to research as a profession.

Prof. Deo was a great stickler for seminars and students compulsorily attended. We listened to many Visiting dignitaries, eminent researchers, and faculty and research scholars from the Department during my time. Prof Deo would often lead the discussions. In the beginning we understood very little of what was being discussed and perhaps Prof. Deo perceived this. I remember him saying and I quote, " I know you people may not be able to understand much at this stage. My advice would be to continue attending and listening. No one understands "Bhagvad Gita" in its first reading. But at the fourth or fifth, realization would happen and life would be interesting" I could never forget this. Learning physics from Professor Deo, was a great pleasure and fulfilling experience. In later life, I met many accomplished physics teachers who influenced me greatly. But Prof. Deo was the first and therefore special.

I used to spend a lot of time at the Parija Library. The iconic Parija library with its unique structure was first established in 1946 and shifted to Vani Vihar during 1962. Endowed with more than two lakh books, 5800 ancient manuscripts it houses a number of rare books, reports and manuscripts. Parija library was in its prime those days. I used to go up to the third floor where old copies of old physics journals were stacked and read up to evening when it was time to go home. Libraries have often played the most important role in shaping my life. It is a great pity that Parija Library has been allowed to decay to the state as it is in today. I cannot imagine, how a group of absolutely top intellectuals can allow this iconic library that defined the oldest university of the state to reduce to such a pitiable state. When I visited it again I was simply furious and the fury remains even today.

During the breaks, I used to visit either the boys hostels or the small Bhaina Canteen near the Water Tank and partake of whatever meals were available. Hostel is another institution that has been allowed to become bad. It used to be much better in those days. As luck would have it, I left Vani Vihar after 3 months of studying for Part II for the officer's training school at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre. The parting from Prof Deo was tumultuous to start with followed by emotively affectionate advice. Life followed a different trajectory as physics became my profession and



I must admit that the grounding at Vani Vihar was always a critical factor in shaping my life. Due to God's infinite grace, I came back to Vani Vihar forty two years later but, that is another story to be told separately.

As a common day scholar student of average intelligence, I focused on learning and enjoying the company of vastly superior multifaceted talents of my batch mates and our seniors. But the imprint of the university was strong and the emotional connection I felt was always defined by two words alone "My Vani Vihar". Hence the story.

My Vani Vihar Part II

It was a rare luck and chance of colossal proportions when I landed back in My Vani Vihar Campus on June 20, 2014 to work there. The story of my career completing a full circle where a young boy trying to learn some physics as a passion gets a window of opportunity to learn and apply physics in a national perspective for more than four decades and then returns to his mother university with a different window of opportunity to contribute towards its development. I, in fact, took voluntary retirement to come back. Anyone familiar with the scenario would agree that the probability of this happening was miniscule but, it happened and here was I sitting in a chair occupied by some of Odisha's most eminent Children and staying in a house where these great men left their footprints. It was greatly humbling and incredibly frightening.

Vani Vihar of 2014 was somehow a greatly misunderstood place. Particularly, the students, they used to be portrayed as violent, unruly and indifferent to serious learning; the faculties were also portrayed badly. A number of people occupying important positions privately expressed their great surprise at my return and advised me to go away in all good faith. Not that I was not tempted. However, the good sense of some of my senior professor colleagues at Vani Vihar and my family (wife and very brave daughter)s prevailed and I started work. Three facts were immediately apparent to me. One, the university's focus must be the students and their grievances must be addressed forthwith. 99% of students in Vani Vihar are studious, talented and eager to learn. But they must have proper and adequate Classrooms, library, laboratory, faculty, hostel facilities, basic amenities like canteen, water, electricity, WiFi, sports facilities and it is wrong to attribute motive to them if these are not delivered. Second most important stake holders were the faculty and the realization that they are working for the best and Heritage University of the state. They must be strengthened with new young blood and respected for their knowledge, applauded for their contribution in research and inspired to work to raise the level of Vani Vihar to a University of National and international Substance. Third aspect had to deal with the public and Government at large who perhaps love their mother university so intensely that their perceptions are easily swayed. Therefore Vani Vihar needed to develop a brand value and show some measurable level of excellence that could put it on the rising path. We worked on these three aspects as a team. We could recruit about 80+ faculty, many of them young, in a smooth and transparent manner. We drastically improved infrastructure both through maintenance and new construction. Of particular mention are the new hostels, library, academic buildings, BARC outreach centre, Second rural Campus at Chandikhole, a grand sports stadium, HRDC, Central instrumentation centre etc. We initiated new research incentivisation schemes, research conclaves, concept of living laboratories, e-library, regular academic audits and preparation for a NAAC Accreditation that was long pending. We were the first to initiate Choice based credit system in Undergraduate stream. The ultimate result was a NAAC CGPA of 3.53 that in today's nomenclature translates to A++. This was Vani Vihar's return to glory and the sight of students, faculty and staff dancing with perceptible pride was something of a beauty to behold. Today, it stands as a Grade I autonomous University.

I must put on record great amount of gratitude and thanks to the "We" that I have kept on referring to in this story. Firstly the state Government, Honorable Ministers, Secretaries, Higher education Department and particularly

the Honourable Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik who on his first visit to Vani Vihar student Union Function provided financial assistance to the tune of about Rupees 100 Crore for the transformation. Support to the concepts like Central Instrumentation Centre, Rural outreach centre, rural campus were provided by him perhaps unique to Odisha. The other partner in "we" were the faculty and staff, particularly the senior professors formed a team that was unassailable. Vani Vihar faculty always has had fantastic bench strength and they displayed it with great determination. The third partner in "we" was the students. Once their grievances were addressed they were of great support. The final partner in "we" were the affiliated Colleges, alumni, members of public, press and retired staff who stunned the NAAC team by appearing before them and expressed their love "their Vani Vihar" unequivocally. Finally I must thank "Lord Jagannath" who stayed the entire path with us and pushed us in the right way at all times. I ended my tenure with Vani Vihar on the last day of July 2017 and now eager as an alumnus to contribute. It may be interesting to note that the Vani Vihar model of research incentivisation is being replicated across the state.

On the Occasion of 75^{th} year, we all are happy to see so much enthusiasm and good wishes all around us. It makes me proud. Utkal University will always stay in our minds as our mother. Let us work towards and pray for its continued good health and glory at all times. Jai Jagannath.

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Serving My Alma Mater – A Dream Come True

Kunja Bihari Panda*(1983)

Goutam Buddha said:

"It is better to conquer yourself than to win a thousand battles. It cannot be taken from you, not by angels or by demons, heaven or hell."

The question here is how to achieve this stupendous feat. It could be possible by attaining a state of wisdom which has its origin in knowledge. The crux of the philosophy entirely depends on how one is enriching oneself through knowledge. Obviously, education comes to play its role.

We are at crossroads when the question of shouldering the responsibility of steering a state or a nation to its ultimate destination arises. Opportunity has come for all of us after a lapse of 75 years to introspect and choose the future course collectively. Unity is perhaps the need of the hour. We are, therefore, supposed to consolidate our efforts so as to reach new heights in terms of accomplishing the objective.

The joy of being a part and parcel of this grand get-together is unbounded and unspeakable. It is all due to the grace of the Almighty that I could be one among the privileged class. I use this opportunity to outline below some of my reflections about my Alma Mater, lest I should not find a better occasion in future.

Utkal University was then in the limelight so far as higher education was concerned. Influenced so much by its name and fame, I abandoned pursuing my higher studies in a royal subject like Physics elsewhere and switched over to Statistics on the contrary for my Post Graduation even amidst uncertainties surrounding my future. To my good luck, it clicked when I got recognition for my standout performance in the final M.Sc. Examination. Needless to mention, Statistics laid the foundation of my future endeavours and I have never looked back since my Vani Vihar days.

Life took a turn, when I was through the selection committee constituted by the Utkal University for the purpose of appointing 'Reader in Statistics' way back in 2010. Hoping against hope, I could live up to my expectations of serving my Alma Mater, though at the fag end of my career in academics. It is apt to mention here that I had spent about 20 years of my prime time outside the University system serving Under Graduate Colleges - both Govt. Aided and Govt. I enjoyed a brief sojourn of two years span having served the Directorate of Higher Education against an administrative post. I had the pride and privilege of serving the premier College of the state - the B.J.B. Autonomous College for as long as 13 years in two spells. It was all possible because of the fact that I was carrying along my journey the brand names of Utkal University and Delhi University as well. I may state that, in 1995, I had accomplished my Ph. D. Degree from University of Delhi.

I added a feather to my cap, when I successfully contested the prestigious post of Secretary, Utkal University Teachers' Association (UUTA) for the year 2018. To register an entry into the democratic space of intellectuals is as good as a milestone. We, the elected representatives, might have achieved little in fulfilling the hopes and aspirations of all stakeholders in general and teaching fraternity in particular from home-front, our contribution to higher education was no less significant when viewed from the standpoint of entire state. The much sought after **Seventh UGC Scales of Pay** got implemented.

There is no gainsaying about the fact that Utkal University, in its 76 years of history, has rendered invaluable services in the larger interest of mankind having given birth to noted academicians, administrators, agriculturalists, enterprisers, industrialists, social workers, statesmen and the like. They have been, in turn, contributing untiringly to the growth and development of the entire globe, spreading across it the spiritual message of paramount importance

'*Basudheibakutumbakam*'. **It is rightly imparting education which, according to Late Mrs. Indira Gandhi, is a liberating force, and in our age it is also a democratising force, cutting across barriers of caste and class, and smoothing out inequalities imposed by births and other circumstances.** In fitness of things, Utkal University holds her head high insofar as the duties and functions of a University are defined.

As my thoughts are drawing to a close, my heart is choked with emotions and I am reminded of my role as an alumnus and a teacher of a great University. I cannot but take a solemn pledge on this auspicious occasion to keep my Alma Mater close to my chest until I breathe my last. I would prefer to stop by invoking Mahatma Gandhi :-

"Study as if you were to live forever
Live as if you were to die tomorrow".

Bande Utkal Viswavidyalaya

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Mera Vani Vihar Mahan

Ranjan Kumar Bal

Background: I have spent many nostalgic moments at Vani Vihar (VV), both as a student and as a teacher. I feel very proud of my Alma Mater which gave me my identity and a lot of rewards. I was sad, as I did not do my P.G. from VV, which I did from Ravenshaw College (now, University). But my desire was fulfilled when I did my M.Phil. and Ph.D. from VV and also enjoyed 35 years of my life at VV. I found that I got my I.Sc., B.Com (H), M.Com. and all my higher degrees from Utkal University (UU) only with three gold medals. I also secured record marks in M.Com. Whatever I achieved in my life, it is only due to my alma mater, UU.

VV Gave Life to Millions of Dreams: Since 1943, millions of students have realised their dreams in UU. To be a teacher was not in my dream. Therefore, I rejected the offer from Bhadrak College. I was leaving RBI to join NABARD, but VV came in between and I joined. It's only due to my University, I realised my dreams; viz., President, Indian Accounting Association; member for formulation of Higher Education Policy of Government of Odisha; got awards like, Outstanding Researcher from IAA Research Foundation, Kolkata, and Most Inspiring Personality (Academics) from Interview Times. I'm also doing my dream activities now, in Learning Community (for poor commerce students, etc.); MAN Trust (for autistic children, etc.); and 'Art of Living' (for schools in tribal areas, etc.). Only VV gave me and many others wings to fulfil our dreams.

Beautiful, Meaningful and Happy Days: It was 31st March 1983, I joined VV and my life changed. I also joined the Department of Business Administration as its first faculty member and did its first Ph.D. Both Commerce and MBA shaped my journey of life. I was very fortunate to handle various responsibilities , viz. Chairman, P.G. Council; Vice Chancellor (I/C); Comptroller of Finance (I/C); Director, DDCE; Director, IQAC; Coordinator, NAAC and RUSA; Director, UGC-Academic Staff College and HRDC. A number of historic and memorable events took place during my life at VV. I was the Advisor, Students Union, when our Hon'ble CM declared Rs. 100 crore for VV. I was the Chairman, when our University got 'A+' and entered the list of best ten state Universities in India and got Rs. 100 crore of RUSA funds. VV reformed my body, mind and soul. Really, I am grateful and indebted to VV.

A Tribute to our Leaders: We have to recognise and appreciate the contributions of all our present and past stakeholders on the eve of Platinum Jubilee celebration. The present VC and his team are doing praiseworthy initiatives. While performing their duties, many VCs, Chairpersons, Registrars, CoFs, CoEs, DOs, etc. got diabetes and high blood pressure due to stress and anxiety. I salute them and their families.

Everything's not OK? That's Fine: There are some bitter truths about VV and some people call my University in different names. A lot of fake news goes around. I have also faced problems. I have gone to the High Court for the first time in my life in a contempt case, and I was fortunate as the judge was a commerce student. But as Chairman, I have seen the outputs of teachers and students for two years, which are world class. Lights are green now; it's time to move on with passion, humility, tolerance and love.

Our Road Ahead: UU can earn world-wide trust and respect if we maintain a conducive education ecosystem for achieving excellence in teaching, research, consultancy, extension and spiritual activities with accountable governance. We have to nurture the knowledge and skills of the students, and build the capacity of the teachers in a future-ready learning and eco-friendly environment. VV needs a climate and culture of innovation for fostering professional development and entrepreneurship. Alumni and other stakeholders have to play their role. UU needs quality infrastructure: physical, digital, intellectual and emotional. Our Alma Mater desires us to do all these! The ball is in our court. God bless our UU and all of us!!

Former Chairman
P.G. Council, Utkal university

Utkal University At The Beginning

Prof. Basanta Kumar Panda

The history of Utkal University is an invaluable chronicle of the social and intellectual progress of the state of Odisha. It was fortunate that the circumstances favoured the birth of the University when the province of Odisha was formed in 1936. The popular desire for a university was widely expressed and the Utkal University Act was passed by the Odisha Legislature on 30th June 1943. The University was inaugurated on 2nd August 1943 and it started functioning from 27th November 1943. Prior to the establishment of the University, the teaching institutions of the province were under the jurisdiction of two Universities: Patna and Andhra Universities. The University got the territorial jurisdiction over the entire state of Odisha. The preservation and progress of the common culture of the Odia nation as a whole was assured by the creation of the Utkal University.

The University started functioning with its office at Cuttack. Consequent upon the decision to build the campus at Bhubaneswar, the University had drawn up a development plan during 3rd plan period with the approval of the State Govt. The character of the University, which started as an affiliating body, had changed and it had undertaken post-graduate teaching in various subjects.

Some of the significant features of the University at the beginning must be mentioned.

Improvement of Odia Literature: The University had a fund, which was augmented by the state Govt. for the encouragement of Odia Literature. Works of literary merit which could not find ready market, were supported by this scheme. This had helped in publishing some works in Odia which perhaps would never have seen the light of the day.

Jnan Vijnan Parisad: Soon after the inception the University constituted a research body named Jnan Vijnan Parisad with an objective of promoting original study and research and advancement and dissemination of knowledge under its auspices in all branches. Research schemes were invited from scholars working in constituent colleges and learned societies to provide grants.

Odia Encyclopaedia: In 1956 the University decided to compile an Encyclopaedia in Odia language to cater to the needs of the people. Intended to serve both the general reader and the scholar alike, this project was meant to publish in several volumes concerning the entire gamut of knowledge. A shorter version of it was published in 4 volumes ably compiled by Dr. Mayadhar Mansingh to meet the demands of Odia readers a book of reference on most topics not merely daily interest but of lasting value as well.

History of Odisha: Another work of importance, which the University had undertaken, is the compilation of an authoritative history of Odisha from source materials. The work was aiming at an authentic representation of Odisha history in the light of new facts and findings. Two volumes were published written by Dr. N.K. Sahu and Dr. Prabhat Mukharjee. The work was left in the half way.

Prachi Valley Project: As per the decision of the State Museum the University had undertaken the work of exploration and excavation of Prachi Valley in the year 1956-57. First phase exploration was completed under the supervision of Prof. Ghanasyam Dash and a report with rich historical data had been published. The second phase was not done. It was the idea that Praci valley excavation may provide some missing links between the ancient and medieval periods for rebuilding the history.

Paribhasha Project: The University had launched upon a scheme of preparing and standardising a vocabulary in Odia, which would form a true foundation for compiling and writing of books in Odia in all subjects. The Paribhasha committees had been set up for different branches of knowledge.

These were some of the works initiated at the beginning phase of the establishment of the University. People who are at the helm of the affairs were thinking that the progressiveness of Odisha will be judged by the greatness of its University and its contribution to the extension and dissemination of knowledge. Now, after three fourth of a century we should think in the same way and work in the same spirit to revive the old works and rebuild our University, the abode of our knowledge and the symbol of our national glory.

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A Home Away From Home

Manoranjan Nayak

It was the first time that I had stayed away from home. I was initially very homesick. But later the stay at the Utkal University Campus became so wonderful that I never felt I was away from home. This is because of quality friends at the campus. It was a new challenge and learning experience. I cherish the great moments spent on the campus. We have all remained in touch with each other for many years. We feel the freshness of our association even now. My stay at Utkal University was wonderful and memorable. It is really a great honour for me to have been a student of the Department of Botany.

From the first day, when I got admission to University, I have received the support and cooperation of my HOD Prof. Ramachandra Mohanty sir in the process of learning. I remember Prof. Manoranjan Kar sir referring to me as 'Maitra' meaning 'friend' in Odia which motivated me to work hard in the field of Biochemistry. Prof. Pradipta Kumar Mohapatra sir's Taxonomy classes guided me to be a better student in the field of Taxonomy. Prof. Shanti Lata Sahoo madam's word "Always be happy whatever you get" still makes me happy and nostalgic. Madam Dr. Ritarani Das's support, help and cooperation to study hard and her direct support by providing books and proper guidance in study will always remind me of the University life.

Always all my teachers Prof. S.P Rath, Prof. S.P Adhikari, Prof. H.K Patra, Prof. P.K Chand and Dr. PK Swain guided me to be successful in life. It made the university a home away from home for me.

While leaving the Campus, I felt I was leaving my home and all my friends at the Utkal University. It was a very emotional moment in my life. Words fail me when I try to express my deep sense of gratitude towards everything while I was in the campus.

Jai Hind. Jai Utkal University.

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Botany Department: An Integral Part of Utkal University

Shiba Prasad Rath

The department of Botany was established on 7th July under Utkal University in a small room of the University Administrative Building (Presently, to Official Chamber of CDC). It was the year when Utkal University just completed its Silver Jubilee and the Nation was observing the Birth Centenary of the Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi. Incidentally, now, while the University is observing its Platinum Jubilee, the Botany Department is observing its Golden Jubilee and the nation is observing the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The departments of English and Odia were also opened in the University in the same year (1969) along with Botany. As the first batch of students of the Department, the 12 of us (that is the strength) along with me took admission on 9th July and there were only three Faculty members- Dr. Bidyadhar Padhy, as Professor and Dr. Dinabandhu Mishra and Dr.Satyanarayan Patnaik as the two other faculty members. After admission, we understood that the Department would be housed in Regional College of Education, Bhubaneswar (now known as RIE) as the University does not have its own building. However the students would stay in the hostels located in the campus. At that time there were only 3 hostels in the campus, viz., Gents Hostel No.I (Gopabandu Chhatrabas), Gents Hostel No.II (Madhusudhan Chhatrabas) and Ladies Hostel No.I (Kuntala Kumari Chhatri Nibas). We had to go to Regional College of Education in the morning and come back in the evening by foot since there was no straight direct road and a drain was there in between. We, all 12 students, 3 Faculty members, two laboratory assistants, two laboratory attendants, one storekeeper, one office assistant and one sweeper spent our two years so happily that we cherish those days even today. After the completion of our studentship, the department was shifted to the campus as the new Departmental building was completed.

Now the Department has spent 50 years and the students have come and gone over the years. Almost 2300 or more students have left the Department by now as its Alumni. The students of this department have always been brilliant and outstanding which is evident from their achievements in every walk of life. One can see that some of the alumni have excelled in All India Civil Services, Forest and other National Competitions and also in State competitive Services. Many of the Alumni have served at most of the Nationalized Banks besides serving as teachers or Principals of Colleges. Now most of them have retired at the top and brought glory for the department. Most of the students have gone to foreign countries either for jobs or for research. One of our Alumni retired as Secretary of the Government of India and another one as Additional Chief Secretary as well as Chairman, NABARD. Few have also retired as Principal Chief Conservator of Forest. The most significant achievement of the Alumni of this department is that five of them have adorned chair of the Vice-Chancellor of different Universities.

Not only has the department always enrolled brilliant students but also brilliant teachers who are the chief reason behind the department's success. Now on this occasion of Platinum Jubilee, I must say that this department is the first to have an Alumni Association since 1974 and regularly conducting its annual function uninterruptedly. I hope and believe that if all the departments will concentrate on their achievements, the University will be glorified further and we shall have an excellent centenary with our head high.

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Alumni and their Alma mater

Sri Damodar Pradhani

Alumni are emotionally committed to the success of their alma mater. Generally they nurture the culture of pride and loyalty in their institutions. There are both intrinsic and extrinsic motivations towards the institution where they have studied in the past. In the last few years we have seen the formation of various alumni associations. It is a good sign but it seldom serves any noble purpose. In developed countries the services of the alumni is a great asset for their universities and in a sense facilitates their already developed educational system. Almost two decades back, one of my friends who studied in an American University got a call from his alma mater to contribute some gift to the university and responding to that call he reluctantly paid 100 dollar as a gift to the university. To his utter surprise they left a voice message the next day thanking him with the suggestion that the gift be used to support the needy scholars and improve the quality of education. The reluctant relationship blossomed and every year after that my friend created a small endowment in his alma mater to support a needy student.

The issues involved in this example are that the alumni engagement and corporate support in higher education are very important for colleges and universities that are looking forward. The alumni can lower the cost of education and transform the educational experience for students. Most US universities now focus engaging alumni both to raise fund and to improve the educational experience for students. At the University of Texas at Austin, the alumni association called Texas Exes gave 3.45 Billion dollar in scholarship to 641 students on 2015-16. This does not include alumni support to individual colleges of the campus. We frequently hear of capital campaigns from numerous universities to raise large amount of funds to support scholarship, faculty, and research and so on. These funds are required to attract bright students and advance knowledge, innovation and teaching. Indian colleges must have to think in similar pattern to advance opportunities and knowledge.

The cost of attending higher education institutions in India is moving in the direction of U.S Universities and it is not an anodyne for the Indian students. They are scared of the fact that fruition may or may not come to them. Despite public outcry tuition fees continue to increase each year. The Indian government subsidized higher education in government institutions to the tune of 90 percent in the 1990s but has recently asked various institutions to become self reliant. This is leading to dramatic increase in tuition fees in premier institutions resisting veering approach of the civil society. Educational loan programme is not the solution. Before the situation gets bad to worse we must explore ways to contain the cost of education and proactively engage alumni to avoid societal costs.

Alumni bring context and practical relevance to what is being taught in the class room. An incoming student is more likely to be influenced by a recent pass out scholar than a professor on the relevance of topics to his or her career. Mid career alumni can reinforce the aspects of schooling that impact their day to day life. Often they can relate to the students better than the faculty does. In the late 60s and 70s the toppers of various branches like Political Science, History etc. in Utkal University, Vanivihar, were given the opportunities to teach their young students who yielded a better result in UPSC examinations. The services of alumni can be better utilized in the present context also.

The universities are in ferment in our country now. They do not hesitate to give anti national slogan. The political parties target universities and young students for their political interest which leads to violence, especially communal violence. Debate and dissent have always been part of its ethos but never violence. The great leaders of our country, once upon a time were alumni of various universities. They have successfully confronted the problems of their time. There is no question of violence in democracy. The present ferment in our top ranking universities can very well be settled with the help of prominent alumni who are now in the political arena. Their influence and efficiency cannot be ignored which is very much essential in the present time.

Innovation is the key to progress and prosperity. It converts knowledge into social good and economic wealth. A nation that performs high innovation has among other factors, a buoyant and supportive financial sector to leverage such innovations. Educational institutions have a critical role to play in nurturing innovations in society. Leader of the higher education sector must establish a connection between their institutes and the grass root innovations in their hinterland and also set up innovation clubs. Our esteemed President of India put emphasis on the role played by the leaders of higher education in this regard. If the alumni come forward and the innovation clubs put their experience in an organized manner that can help our students to sense the unmet needs of the common man and ultimately they will celebrate innovation. The alumni must ignite young minds, encourage them to pursue their curiosity and help them discover the fascination of creating something new. A serious burden lies with the alumni which they have to shoulder in forming knowledge club as innovation club in their respective alma mater.

In the process of recruitment the alumni are a great resource as they are the brand ambassadors and advocates for students. Colleges that have a deeper engagement with alumni also have an easier time placing their students. Engaging the alumni early will help students find internships and firms can identify promising talent. Furthermore, alumni can help with model interviews to prepare students to do well in the process of searching for jobs.

The executives who represent corporations bring credibility and act as brand ambassadors. In the United States it is a matter of pride for executives to be part of universities and various programmes. Corporations have equal responsibility or even more than the government that benefits them and ultimately to the society. Corporations know their need for talent and skills better than the govt. They play a significant role in developing talent and they have to invest for the future. The alumni play a vital role in nurturing talent for the corporations. In trying to develop rich entrepreneurial eco systems, many institutions are following a playbook established years ago by Stanford University and MIT which involves academic courses, practical experience and an extended alumni advisory network. The university also conducts internship programme so that students can spend time at young companies. The university wants to help students, faculty and alumni become more entrepreneurial in business, government and non-profit work. In the industrial sector advanced knowledge is very much essential for development of skills and for solving various types of problems. They engage their employees to learn in specialized classes. The knowledge group consisting of alumni is of utmost importance to update them with innovative skills it is a continuous process. The industrial output intends to satisfy the demand of the market which is possible though practical knowledge and academic rigour to the students that supplement the learning process. In the changing scenario of knowledge, society and innovations there is a visible difference the alumni can make for the country which can never be undermined in the present day society. The universities and research centers in India need to prepare students for the ongoing century and thereafter. They have to utilize their alumni actively in a systematic manner.

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Vani Vihar - An Everlasting Memory

Harekrushna Mahanta

No doubt, it becomes a great moment for anyone when an opportunity comes to talk or write about the institution in which one has undergone their higher studies. We know about Oxbridge talents and we take their names with the greatest esteems that got the privilege to enter the red bricks campus at Oxford and Cambridge Universities especially during pre independence era. And here in Odisha, Utkal University has tremendous impact on the educational environment of this state beside the Bay of Bengal on the eastern part of India.

Back in November 27, 1943 Utkal University was established when India was still under British rule. It then became the 17th University of India. Pandit Nilakantha Das, Maharaja Krushna Chandra Bhanjdeo and Pt. Gadavaish Mishra played the key role in the establishment of this University at Vanivihar on a sprawling 400 acres of land in the heart of Bhubaneswar. Dr Rajendra Prasad laid down the foundation on 1st January, 1958 at Vanivihar. The Philosopher President of India Dr S. Radhakrishnan inaugurated this campus on 2nd January, 1963. Dr Pranakrushna Parija became its first Vice Chancellor in whose memory we have the Parija Library that became the synonym of Utkal University.

Before more than three decades I happened to be an English Department Student in this university. During our time, we locate the university at Vani Vihar from the Parija Library that becomes visible from a distance. This big building was a memorable one as there are scarcely any libraries as big as this. It was the tallest after the famous 9 storied official building and IDCOL Tower.

Hostel life seemed very memorable as each one was preparing for their lives. Indeed the foundation of a poet and writer has been fixed in this campus. I started writing from Gopabandhu Hostel. My meditation and chakravedan yoga also bloomed from here. Now, I recall what Goldie Morales, an American Poet once said: "Are the poets, at heart, in search of a philosophy? Or, is philosophy in the end, nothing but poetry? Vyas, Valmiki, Aurobindo, Tagore, Wordsworth, Emerson, T. S. Eliot all were great poets with their distinct ideology and philosophy. Thus, from those campus leaders, scientists, artists, industrialists, administrators were created.

Now a days, in this materialistic age so many universities have been established. But we find no original talent and genius. They depend on information through Internet Google and Mobile Phones. Humanity, Spirituality, Sublimity and Sincerity have been extinct. No respect for elders. They aim only to be wealthy, to get jobs, to own cars and so on. So, we lament on this educational system that does not produce the likes of Gopabandhu Das or Nabakrushna Choudhary anymore. The real goal of education has been lost somewhere.

Going back to our university days, so many memories haunt me. Town bus, canteen, election, functions, speeches, poetry recitations, library, love and frustrations, elections, telephone from hostels amongst girls and boys; hostel television, hostel life, room cooking and so on. But let us contribute our best to make this university one of the best.

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Vani Vihar As I See It

Sanjib Kumar Das,

The day 2nd of August Year 1979. PG classes for the first year(5th year as was the session being named then) of Political Science for the session 1979-80 commenced with a short introduction by Dr. Satya Naryan Rath, the then Professor and Head of the Department. We were 176 students, both boys and girls coming from different colleges of Odisha. To the total sanctioned strength of 160, another ten percent of women students were admitted to the class that year. Amidst the huge gathering of that proportion, all of us were excited to pursue our post graduation career looking forward to a brighter future ahead. I was fortunate of being part of this combo congregation, representing along with other friends, my alma mater, Bhadrak College. From the initial day of an august beginning to a wintry December of 1981 signalling the conclusion of the four semester based two year post graduation courses, host of incidents go past my memory lane even today, illuminating the unforgettable reminiscences.

I was not new to the campus as I had the opportunity to visit the premises of the University some three four months back prior to admission to take stock of my BA Honours results. But then, a feeling of numbness seemed to cripple my active and energetic legs simply for fear of facing the seniors and teachers as well, as I was accustomed to an altogether different study atmosphere at Bhadrak College, the lush green prolific site standing on the banks of perennial Salandi, then dubbed as the 'Shantiniketan of Orissa'. From the day of orientation session as days passed, we started befriending each other, both in the department and outside of it. We were accommodated in hostels towards later part of that year(1979) since the seniors were yet to vacate the accommodation owing to their last semester tests. Therefore, as soon as we were enrolled into the hostels, we got time to interact more about the place, where family and colleges passed out from. And here started the journey for a career for us, coming from different backgrounds, individual dreams writ large on face.

What enthralled us was the past glory of the department brought to the fore by its previous alumni and teachers, excellence shown by other departments bringing laurels to the university, and most importantly, the fact that majority of the students qualifying in the Civil Services examination hailed from our department. Hence, the rush for admissions being considered then purely on mark basis. The guiding force behind the success of the department was the legendary teacher Prof. Dr. Sree Ramachandra Dash, who was the corner-stone of inspiration and goal-setter, we were told as we ventured into the portals of the university. It is he who had taken all pains to steer the name of the department to greater heights. There were talks of luminaries excelling in literature, politics, entrepreneurship et al. These inculcated in us a sense of devotion and encouragement as though we were ignited to follow the finger-prints of our ancestors. Our unquenchable spirit remained unstoppable throughout.

Hostel life during these two years was very cordial as if it was a home away from home. Lunch and dinner were being served on scheduled timings. In the first hostel now rechristened Gopabandhu Chhatrabas, the timing for dinner was half past nine. The strength of this hostel being in hundreds, the manager was very responsive to preparing food in time and taking due care of the quality. Or else, he had the fear of facing the wrath of the boarders. We had the smell of readiness of the meals as the trays would give out an alarm by their falling sound and we would run for taking hot meals. When for some unavoidable reasons the hostel canteen remained closed, we would run to the Glass Canteen and canteen No. I that were providing homely food.

For the pursuit of knowledge, we fell in love with the Parija Library, the ideal one in any university campus in the state then. This apart, symposia centrally organized by the University and departments from time to time gave us the opportunity to explore more and more. Some of my friends were voracious readers, who would have the copy of the

book's first edition. Shri Kshyamanidhi Mishra, a senior bank officer who falls in this category would tell us the synopsis of the book after going through it and thereby inspiring us to read and subscribe. An opportunity to share it was never denied by the buddy. In other words, the thirst for knowledge was recharging our literary battery every moment, and we used to feel contended. Another friend of mine who would make the literary and intellectual discussions lively by his wit and inimitable style of presenting issues to a coterie of genuine listeners is Shri Asit Mohan Nayak, who has retired as a senior officer from the Commercial Taxes Department, Govt. of Odisha. Even to these days, Asit still carries with him that responsibility of harping on any subject, particularly the current national and international issues admirably well. As part of unique teacher-student bonding, we were guided by a team of devoted teachers from the department including Prof. Sharada Rath; Prof. Benudhar Pradhan who headed the Gandhian Study Circle then; Prof. B .C.Das, a prominent author; Prof. Prakash Chandra Sarangi who recently served as Vice-Chancellor of Ravenshaw University; and Prof. Surya Narayan Mishra, an eminemt political analyst of our time. My heartfelt gratitude are due to them too.

We were bound by a time schedule of attending class lectures on all academic days, apart from the seminars in the department. However, during end term semester examinations, we were habituated to a slot of midnight book exercise, some friends even in the hostel used to remain awake till early morning, who, we used to call 'noctrunal talents', and in fact, they proved their mettle afterwards. Those luminaries from my department who have made a mark in their work fields and proud to us in the department include Shri Prasanna Kumar Dash, Member, CBDT; Prof. Srikanta Kumar Mohapatra, Vice-Chancellor, Odisha State Open University; Shri Birupakshya Mishra; Executive Director, Corporation Bank; Prof. Srinivas Pathi, Head of Public Administration, Mizoram Central University; and Smt. Jayanti Panda, a well-known literary figure writing under the pen-name 'Jayantika', to name a few from amongst others who have also excelled in education, banking, insurance sectors, state govt. establishments and central and state public sector units. From my sister department History, close friends of mine Dr. Tapan Kumar Chand, CMD, NALCO(retiring on 30th Nov.2019), a well-known personality in aluminum industry; and Shri Sahdev Sahoo, a prominent Odia writer of our time have made us proud by their valuable contributions. I would be failing in my duty as a friend and that way doing an injustice if I forget to mention the name of Shri Akshaya Kumar Behera of Psychology Department who relentlessly started his literary career in a big way from Vani Vihar. He is now a known personality in Odia literary world. "Katha Katha Kabita Kabita" an anthology of prose, poetry and critical analysis of literature in the global perspective is being edited by him. This work of his has earned international acclaim. My good wishes are due to them all. I also extend my good wishes on this occasion to all other friends from my department and from other departments too, who might have excelled in their respective fields, and about whom I have no proper information. Besides, the prolific campus provided us the opportunity to witness some top national sporting events. The elegant central auditorium was the venue to listen to and interact with eminent writers, jurists, politicians and statesmen of all hues. The events have not only survived in memory lanes but have provided food stuffs to live and to know what life is, which would not have been possible otherwise.

Two incidents in the campus life will be afresh in memory for all time to come. One relates to the disturbance created by the non-students on a Holi day that put all the activities in the campus to a grinding halt. However, timely action by the then VC Prof. Bidyadhar Mishra brought everything back to normal although the students had peacefully staged a dharna in front of his ofiice for the whole day. There we had noticed sincerity and love for students by the teachers and all functionaries of the university including Chairman, PG Council. In another incident, the strike by the Students Union protesting the then Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi became so violent that a state run bus was put on flame by the striking students that forced the authorities to declare sine die and we were asked to vacate hostels immediately. It so happened that we ran out of the hostel rooms with our casual wears and chappal as police had cordoned off from all sides. Some of us luckily managed to move towards VSS Nagar only to take shelter in a stranger's house.

The entire study tenure passed off so rapidly in the midst of preparation for exams and professional assignments, we could not catch hold of time. It was when we said goodbye to each other to see some other day then we realized we had grown up and attained maturity. Today on the Platinum Jubilee celebration day when once again we meet after a gap of more than three decades, we feel as if those days have surfaced before us. We may or may not be part of our alma mater's centenary celebrations, but hope the young generation of today would put their best to earn a name for this oldest university of the state making it one of the pioneer institutes of the country.

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Reminiscing on Completion of 75 Years

Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS

Vani Vihar marked the culmination of my academic career. After graduating from Ravenshaw College's prestigious and coveted Sociology department, where only the top scorers could get admission, it seemed only natural for me to enter the portals of the Sociology department of Vani Vihar, Utkal University.

The first thing that struck me about Vani Vihar was its openness, not just in its sprawling huge campus, but in its academic atmosphere. The relationship between the faculty and students, between the seniors and juniors, and also between the students of the same and other departments was indeed mature and cordial. Two years of Post Graduation filled with classes, seminars, thesis writing, animated discussions on various ideologies from left to right of the spectrum, passed all too quickly.

It was during the last days of Post Graduation, I casually sat for UGC fellowship examination because I did not want to waste the Rs. 10/- that my good friend Ms. Reena Dash had spent on buying the form. To my good luck, I got selected for the UGC fellowship and in the absence of M.Phil in the department, I went straight for PhD degree under the guidance of my revered professor Dr.Rita Ray. Thus I continued my journey in Sociology department for another four years even after my Post Graduation classmates had left.

I received my PhD degree just a week before I qualified for Civil Service. Infact, when I went to Mussoorie, to do my Foundation Course at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, among the 300 odd Civil Servants present there, from IAS, IPS, IFS and other services, I was the only one to have a PhD degree. I thus had prefix attached to my name first before I had IPS suffix! And this proud feather in my cap I owe greatly to Utkal University. Sociology was also one of my subjects in Civil Service and I bow down to Sociology department and my Alma Mater Utkal University for shaping my success.

This success also catapulted me onto the hallowed echelons of Odisha history by making me the first lady IPS officer of Odisha. And later in life, as a Police Officer, while trying to maintain law & order in caste conflicts, or in communally sensitive areas, during social upheavals or political agitations, I have found that knowledge gained in Sociology in this University has actually come to my rescue in understanding and tackling complicated situations.

Apart from academics, the University has certainly helped us in forging meaningful relationships. In addition to campus friendships, students of Cuttack coming by the two famous Student Special Buses had our own close-knit group. Despite the scrambling and jostling for seats in the buses, we managed to develop strong bonds with each other, which started from our bus stop groups to the bus as a whole. Some of these bonds have continued through the decades and have enriched our lives. Memorable events were the bus picnic and rasagulla eating competitions enroute at Pahala, where the record then was 25 rasagullas at one go. Sweet are also the memories from our Sociology department picnic to Kapilas and Saptasajya; memories which got rekindled recently when Ms Meera Pani posted the pictures in our UU Sociology Alumni whatsapp group.

So our alma mater Utkal University, Vani Vihar has completed 75 years of excellent academic journey, honing and shaping the lives and career of thousands of its students. The initiative of the organisers to bring together all alumni from the nook and corner of the world to celebrate our University's progress is extremely laudable. However, there is a threatening dark cloud hovering somewhere in the horizon. Many promising students are now looking to foreign shores for higher studies. Corporate Universities are luring good brains with multiple inducements. In this scenario, our mother University also has to change and adapt fast to our modern, statistically-based, technology-driven times. We, the alumni, must all come together and devise implementable strategies to assist our University in improving its international rankings and in occupying its rightful place in the academic world. I wish Utkal University many more successful returns of the year and I wish all her students past, present and future, the very best!

Vani Vihar: The Sanctum Sanctorum to which I will remain ever Indebted

Chinmoy Kumar Sahoo

From the very beginning of my student days I always had the desire to lead from the front. The journey for it began with my election as Cultural Secretary of the Students' Union of Stewart Science College, Cuttack in 2001 and thereafter I continued to remain active in student politics. Having completed my Ist PG, MSc in Geology (2005 batch) from Vanivihar, I had ample job opportunities. I got a call from SCMS Cochin, one of the premier business schools of South India located in the state of Kerala. I left Vani Vihar and took admission for the PGDM course in SCMS Cochin, Kerala.

Soon I realised that I had not been cut out for that purpose. They say, "Kerala is God's own country", but certainly it was not my country! My country, my life, my soul was my "Utkal"! The presiding deity of knowledge ever echoed in reverberation with the divine words, "Come back my child, you are cut out to serve the sacred soil of Utkal."

I came back. My coming back was a shock to everyone including my parents, relatives and well-wishers. Whenever I felt low, I spoke my heart out in front of the iconic statue of the Goddess of the knowledge in Vani Vihar, and my pain used to disappear! Each time I touched Her feet I got an answer, "I have called you and I would mould you into the person that you are best suited for!

Years passed by, and in this transition when everybody was successfully attaining their respective goals, I was always under constant pressure from family members. My well wishers were extremely anxious about my future prospects. But I had always led my life on my own terms and my inner conviction was that one day I would definitely lead the student community of Utkal University for which Maa had brought me back. Nothing could distract me as I was firm with my conviction. Though I was in active politics I was not in any of the position in Vani Vihar.

Finally the new academic session started with the notification for the PG entrance exam. I applied for the PMIR Department for my 2nd PG. Many people discouraged me as it was the most sought after department and thousands of students desired to crack this prestigious exam. The rest of the applicants had other options, but for me, it was a kind of "perform or perish" situation. I sat for the exam. It went well.

The D-Day (Deciding day) arrived! It was a day of anxiety and curiosity both for my detractors and admirers. All eyes were on the notice board! There was murmuring and whispering all across Vani Vihar, "What would be the fate of Chinmoy Sahoo!" When Maa had already weaved the destiny of her child, no other negative forces had any option left with them! My name glittered in the 9th rank of the merit list. With this my academic goal was achieved. Students' union election of the state was declared. Notifications were out. As my name was on the air for the presidential candidature, my well wishers, my supporters conducted an internal pre-poll survey. Students from all 27 departments said in unison that this time we have decided to do something different for someone who has been relentlessly working for the interest of the student community of Vani Vihar for the past so many years. This time Utkal Univeristy Students' Union will have an "unopposed" president. And there will be only one nomination filed.

A new chapter witnessed light of the day! Students from across the departments unanimously approached me saying, "You are the only choice we have who can lead the university towards a better tomorrow." Unprecedented in the history of Utkal University, people from each and every walk of life from the university campus formed a human chain to make me the first ever "unopposed" president of Utkal University Students' Union. I had a strong belief that "Hard work, resilience and perseverance can never set you back. If you think, you can, you can and if you can, yours is the world!"

Life is incomplete without a true companion. Maa has been kind enough to bless me with the most precious gift of my life, my wife, Mamun Mousumi who too studied in Vani Vihar. Undeniably Goddess Vani (Saraswati) has given me a new lease of life. I promise that I would never let her down. Whatever today I am, only because of the values and principles that I have inculcated during the formative years of my life under the aegis of my Maa, my almamater Vani Vihar. The rest of my life would certainly be a reflection of those values for life in resonance with ethics, acumen and integrity. Therefore, the journey continues. Maa has given us enough and now it's the time to give back!

Chairperson, OSIC



History of Sanskrit Department of Utkal University

Kshitish Bhuyan

Introduction:

Man possesses an inquisitive mind. It has been a difficult effort for the part of a man to satisfy this inquisitive mind through the age. In a certain point of time man felt the need of a University, he wanted to store all acquired knowledge and propagate it. So he established a university and made it a centre of knowledge. It is rightly described in the words of Wilson and Tauber as conservation of knowledge and ideas, teaching, research, publication, extension service and interpretation keeping these objectives in view, every state started establishing Universities in their respective territories. The province of Orissa came into being in the year 1936. Realising the necessity of having a University the Utkal University was established in 1943 which became the 17th University of the country.

Origin and growth of the University:

Utkal University is the first University to be established in Orissa. It was founded in 1943. There was no University in Orissa when it was made a separate province in 1936 and the colleges within had to get affiliated either to Patna or Andhra University. The new government of Orissa, headed by Sri Biswanath Das, decided to bring them under a new University in the newly created province Perceiving the need of a University a University committee was appointed on 2nd March 1938 under the chairmanship of Pandit Nilakantha Das. It examined the possibility of the matter and presented a favorable recommendation Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati, then Prime Minister of Orissa, acted a key role in the formation of the University Pandit Godavarish Mishra, the Education Minister at the time, introduced the Utkal University Bill on 30th June 1943 in the Orissa Legislative Assembly. It subsequently became an Act in August 1943 clearing the way for the establishment of Utkal University.

The University started its journey on 27th November 1943 in a room at Ravenshaw College, Cuttack. It had its jurisdiction over what were then the Orissa Province as well as the group of princely states. With the inclusion of the latter with Orissa in 1950, the University's jurisdiction was over the fully integrated Province Professor Pran Krushna Parija got the credit of becoming the first Vice-Chancellor and Professor V.V. John the first Registrar.

Utkal University got its Jurisdiction restricted with the establishment of two new Universities, Sambalpur and Berhampur on 1st January 1967. Inception of North Orissa and F.M. University has reduced it further. At present its jurisdiction broadens over an area of about 40,000 sq kilometers comprising nine districts Angul, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Khurda, Nayagragh and Puri. It assists a population of sum 120 Lakhs.

Originally the University was an affiliating and examining body. Gradually over the years, it has been developed into a teaching-cum-affiliating University with a campus of its own at Vanivihar, Bhubaneswar. The offices and the teaching departments moved to Vanivihar campus in July 1962. It was inaugurated by the president of India Dr. S. Radhakrishnan on 2nd January 1963. Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first president of the Indian Republic had laid the foundation stone of the University on 1st January 1958. The University celebrated a yearlong Golden Jubilee in 1992-93.

At present the University has 316 colleges affiliated to it. This includes the general Degree Colleges and some Professional Colleges. Two of the latter category are constituent Colleges of the University. They are Madhusudan Law College, Cuttack and University Law College, Bhubaneswar. It is perhaps one of the largest Universities in the world in terms of the number of Colleges under its jurisdiction and the geographical area it covers. There are 27 Post-Graduate

Departments within the campus. The University has the following faculties Arts, Commerce, Education, Engineering, Law, Management, Medicine and Science. In addition to this the University has one directorate of distance and continuing education and academic staff council and a number of research centers such as the population research center and school of women studies. Besides this it has nearly 1.5 lakhs students on the role. Utkal University also offers self financing courses.

A brief history of the department of Sanskrit

The Post-Graduate Department of Sanskrit started in the year 1957 with an objective of imparting quality education in the field of Sanskrit and is one of the oldest Departments of the University. It has already celebrated its golden Jubilee Anniversary in the year 2006-2007. At present the Department of Sanskrit offers M.A, M.Phil, Ph.D and D.Litt. Programmes. The Department has regularly updated its syllabus to meet the challenges of changing times. In the year 2000 semester system and in 2013 choice Based Credit System was introduced for the same. P.G. Diploma in Yoga Therapy (PGDYT) as UGC innovative programme and Master degree in Human Consciousness and Yogic Science (MDHCYS) as self-financing course were introduced since 1998 & 2006 respectively.

Late Prof. Prahlad Pradhan, a renowned grammarian and a prominent scholar in Pali and Chinese Language was first Professor & Head of the Department who has contributed a lot to the above fields & adorned the chair of first Vice-Chancellor of Shri Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri. Successively, five Professors of the Department have become vice-chancellors of different Universities of Odisha. Many Faculty members have received the prestigious President's award & Shastrachudamani Sammana in appreciation of their dedicated service for the cause of Sanskrit learning and research.

Taking the challenges of modern society, the Department has produced many Scholars holding significant positions in different institutions in India & abroad.

Historical background of sanskrit department :

The Post-Graduate Department of Sanskrit is one of the oldest creations of the University. It emerged as an independent Department in September 1957 under the leadership of Prof. Artavallabha Mohanty. Later, the following faculty members embellished the Department with a few students.

1. Prof. Prahalad Pradhan - Professor and Head
2. Dr. Anam Charan Swain - Reader
3. Mrs. Savitri Rout - Lecturer
4. Sri Sadananda Ramanuja Das, Lecturer :

By the continuous efforts of faculty members the Department generated momentum, as a result of that students from every corner of Orissa and the neighboring states came to the University to pursue their studies. The Department gained excellence with the work 'Abhidhama Kosa Bhasya' of Prof. Pradhan who is awarded with a lot of ovations from all quarters. Beside that the Research insight of Prof. Anam Charan Swain and fundamental contribution of Prof. K.C. Acharya to Prakrit Vyakarana' through his critical edition of Prakrta Sarvasva could acclaim name. The remarkable achievement of the students of this Department by occupying positions in other Universities made this center familiar all over the country.

In the area of Veda, Vyakarana, Prakrit Language, Orissan Sanskrit studies, Epics & Puranas, Classical Literature including Poetics and researches in various other areas are executed. This is the premier teaching and research center for Sanskrit not only experts in teaching and research but also in creative writing and propagation and protection of Sanskrit which is the real glory of India.



After that many scholars from various parts of Odisha, joined as teaching staff in the Department of Sanskrit. Obviously they are the proud of our department. Most of the eminent Professors have been retired after working very hard and contributing to Sanskrit literature. They have dedicated their valuable time in field of research in Sanskrit language for the welfare of the students. The teaching faculty members have contributed a lot in academic and research areas of their respective branches. They are - Late Prof. Anam Charan Swain, Late Prof. Krushna Chandra Acharya, Prof. Alekha Chandra Sarangi, Prof. Raghunath Panda, Prof. Prafulla Kumar Mishra, Prof. Gopal Krushna Dash, Prof. Radhamadhab Dash, Prof. Prativa Manjari Rath and Dr. Dinabandhu Tripathy.

At present, Dr. Subash Chandra Dash, Dr. Braja Sundar Mishra, Dr. Manoranjan Senapati, Dr. Niranjan Sabar and Mr. Dharmendra Das are performing their duties as faculty members of Sanskrit Department.

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Utkal University of Our Times

Sri Chandra Sekhar Biswal

From 2G to 4G, Core 2 Duo to i7, non wifi campus to wifi campus Utkal University has changed a lot. From being a tea abstainer to tea addict and knowing the art of earning for a cup of tea had become possible for me only because of my Alma mater, The Utkal University.

My association with Utkal University is since 2009; after being dropout from Kendrapara Autonomous College (B.Sc. - Physics), I joined the 5 Year Integrated M.C.A Course here. Ten years back, Android was not at all popular, we were still chatting over SMS, 3G technology had just launched, Orkut was ruling the social media, Facebook had just opened, WhatsApp was not invented, FoxPro-MS access were the popular combination for software development framework and the yellow application form was there for PG admissions during that time. During those days University's internet speed was hardly 100MBPS, which we were using only at University Computer Center during working hours. Those days we use Dial up connections to connect internet from Mobile Phones to computers/laptops. We never get liberty of using uninterrupted, unlimited internet at that time as internet was much expensive then.

At the year of 2012, I was the 3[rd] year student, that time the chairman P.G Council, Prof. P.K. Sarkar decided to introduce the online admission for all PG, Self-financing courses.5 computer science courses(MCA, IMCA, M.Tech-CS, M.Sc-CS) were running at university that time, Prof. Sarkar wanted to get the Online Admission software developed indigenously from the students only. After meeting many student groups, he liked my idea for the online admission system. I formed a four membered team with my batch mates and juniors and finally the idea got approved from the P.G council.

We had 1 month time period for getting the software ready for Online Admission and live it on the website. We worked extremely hard, spent many sleepless nights at University Computer Center, researched, learned and implemented many new things to the software & finally the software got ready and everyone at University highly appreciated it.

Hosting a web based application over the internet which will have high volume traffic to it was not easy for us and that time University website was just a static one and hosted in a shared server. Getting dedicated cloud server in just 2-3 day time was a bigger challenge for us. As it has to be followed by a long official procedure.It was indeed a hard task. Prof. Pratap K Rath, the real time problem solver, he was the PIC of Computer center that time; he suggested me to use any Intel Xeon Physical server to host the Admission software. Hurrahh! We got a solution. Quickly we learned Linux server setup & administration and finished with setting up the in-house datacenter for hosting the e-Admission Software, and from then Utkal goes online for the admission.

During the entire admission process, we got involved in various works like, attending applicant's phone calls, emails, give tech support to the applicants as well as the clerical staffs & faculty members, real time bug fixing in the software etc. From paper to paperless; it was a way difficult for us in educating and making people used to for using the software. But slowly everyone understood the importance of the software and started using it.

It was the first ever such attempt in Odisha and in Utkal University. The former Honorable Chancellor M.C Bhandare had felicitated us at the 70[th] Foundation day of UU. The same software was used by Varsity authority for admission purpose till 2016.-2017 Academic year.

Developing the first ever software for Utkal University gave me enough scope, courage and potential to setup my own startup from the student career at the year 2012-13. Scope for startup in Odisha during that time was almost negligible. Slowly I started getting clients from national as well as the international marketplace.



There is a saying, "students of Utkal University can adopt & manage themselves in any kind of situations of life". Utkal not only gives us the education, but also gives scope to implement it. Utkal is the best place to learn about Life skills, struggles, happiness and lot more.

I'm very proud for being a part of the Platinum Jubilee celebration of my alma mater. Thank you for not letting me hold myself back for the fear of failure. Thank you for the people, the campus you offered to help me grow. Never did I feel alone or unimportant to you. I was never just an account number on a computer screen or a number in classroom. I had value and you recognized that in me.

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My alma mater....where it all began...

Subhashree Priyadarsini

'Satyam param dhimahi ' the Sanskrit verse points at the motto and glory of Utkal University. It is also known as Vani Vihar and the enchanting figure of Goddess Saraswati holding a veena in her hand in front of the university justifies its name. It is the oldest university of Odisha and 17th oldest university of India located at Bhubaneswar, the temple city. Dr. Rajendra Prasad the 1st president of India laid down the foundation on the present campus on the 1st January 1958. At present the university has twenty seven post graduate and research departments located inside the campus.

Amongst twenty seven post graduate teaching departments, I got admitted into PG Department of Sanskrit of 2006 batch and it was a matter of glory and joy for me to be a part of the historic university. The inscrutable Shastras are easily acquired from my teachers. Our Sanskrit department always inspired the students to seek the highest truth. Many friends came in my post graduate life and the sweet memories with them made everyone an integral part for rest of my life. The unique traditional saree show of the annual function always makes me remember those beautiful days. Along with this many cultural festivals and competitions made the inner talent of the students blossom and created a bond of unity and affection within us. The departmental picnics and study tours were a store of joy for all. I spent a lot of time at Parija library which was an ocean of knowledge and motivation.

Two years of hostel life in Ramadevi Chhatrinivas was very memorable for me. This is a period which teaches every student how to adjust to every situation being away from the family.

Presently I am working as research scholar in PG department of Sanskrit. This is a great platform to explore the glorious heritage and culture of our country. There is a quotation in Sanskrit 'Na hi bandhya saraswati', that is proved by this university because it is the mother of political leaders, administrators and different service holders and I am also blessed to have a teaching profession in the same field.

It is a joint responsibility of all alumni to involve themselves in the developmental work

of this university. Every student must have a firm resolution according to one's capability in all-round progress of the university because our university is our pride.

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My Reflections on my Alma Mater

Jitendra Das

Refreshing the memory
About the classroom activities
On the Utkal University campus
For a graduate course
In Library and Information Science
Dated back to 1984,
An admixture of nostalgic
And reminiscent memories
Now flooding back in waves
Impelling my whole being
With new impetus
To write a poem in the quiet
Of the early morning
For a trip down memory lane.

Central Canteen, Glass Canteen,
With a bunch of students,
The usual sight at breakfast,
Lunch break, tea break
Still stand sentinel over the concrete path
Emptying onto the main entrance
Welcoming you to the heart of the campus
Teeming with greenery
Since my Alma Mater came into being
Dated back to 1943.

Pairs of mature students
Sinking into the chairs
Opposite to each other
Savoring dosa, samosa, allochops,
Readymade pastry on par with
Some students sipping hot steaming tea,
Lemon tea, iced tea with obvious relish,
Followed by a group of teaching staff
Deep in exchange of words
In slow, measured cadences.

Someone's eyes fastened
On gossip columns;
Someone else's resting
On agony column or small ads;
Someone buying a readymade meal
Made the spot pulsate with life
Relieving the monotony of non-stop classes.

Students with requisition slips,
Queuing up in Parija Library
In pregnant silence for issue
Of text and reference books
Overtaken by mobile phones, internet chat,
Social networking websites these days.

Those were the glory days
On my Alma Mater campus.

Department of Library & Information Science
1984 Batch

A beginner at Utkal University

Madhumita Nayak

Having come from a reputed institution of the state, Rama Devi Women's university from where I did my BA Honours, Utkal University was a leap towards a higher academic life. Not just academic, but a step closer to my dreams. Three years of my undergraduate studies got me involved in a community that always pushed and inspired me to succeed. My teachers made sure we got everything at its best whatever source it came from. But the thirst of knowledge is unquenchable. And I always looked for more. And getting into Utkal University was satisfying on this front.

I joined Utkal University in the year 2016 as a postgraduate student at the department of English where subsequently I did my PhD course work. It is always a pleasure and honour when you get to add the name of Utkal University in the education qualification box of your CV. It won't be an exaggeration if one sees Utkal University as a sort of revitalizing entity for our city.

There is no doubt that a university is an excellent centre for education. It not only gives one a chance to sharpen personal skills in the desired field but also teaches to work efficiently in a team. Everyday at Utkal gives a new learning experience. This institution has taught me some of the fundamental things about life. But out of all those things I would always remember what it taught me about the unpredictable aspects of life. The author of The Confessions of a Misfit writes, "in fiction: we find the predictable boring. In real life: we find the unpredictable terrifying", come to think of it life is just like the oil in a lamp. The unpredictability of life is beyond one's comprehensive power. It is truly difficult to deal with such unpredictable situations if one lacks the art of acceptance. The institution has helped me to understand my limitations and be all accepting meanwhile motivating me to rise above those limitations. With acceptance comes the power of responsibility and a kick to extend those boundaries and create some new boundaries of greater length. There is a perfect blend of joy and hardships.

I have also acquired important life skills. You learn from different lectures, you try to cope up with the surprisingly strenuous syllabus, and you have the opportunity to learn from some great research minds. Now when I reflect upon certain statements I find all of them true. For example Academia never lets you go free. But learning never ends. Learning in Utkal University was not only about text books but also came with a rewarding experience of developing my co-curricular skills.

Getting into this institution gave me an opportunity to be the artist I always wanted to be. The aesthetic site of the campus was surely an add on. The relics of old Bhubaneswar with the touch of the present day smart city is prominent. The entry to university is a sort of bliss as you see the divine consort of Brahma, goddess Saraswati sitting in command over knowledge and enlightenment smiling in grace. Just like the strings of her Veena, the university stands for light, knowledge and truth. It takes us back to the days of Adikabi Sarala Dasa and our Odia language. As one moves ahead one is sure to find temples of various gods and goddesses within the campus which capture the essence of the temple city (Bhubaneswar). Every now and then one is sure to come across "Sahitya Sammelana" in one of this temple premise acquainting one with an experience that is spiritual. The occasional touch of east wind stimulates such kind of a feel. Wind plays an important part in the university life. The wind notifies the arrival of different seasons in the campus. The evening in Utkal University is therapeutic. Autumn can be distinctly felt in this part of the city. The mellowness, the sapphire tints, the crispy music of dried leaves and rising smoke from some early evening bonfires are treats to soul and heart. What could be more gratifying than finding the soil for my passion and research interest to grow! I developed the love for my language and culture from this very place, where my department kept promoting the multicultural and multilingual research and studies. The university kept the flame alive in me and I am still driven by it. Amidst all these



fascinating things stands the storehouse of learning, the "Parija Library", with its ever sung glory and magnificence. The chief objective of every library is to meet the academic needs but our library has a story of its own. Who knows how many stories got its string from her bosom. It is a song of knowledge and enlightenment. Her silent presence makes one feel warm and less lonely. It has always been a constant companion. It will never be wrong if one finds the miniature of Bhubaneswar inside our university campus.

The university has been tremendously developing along with the smart city. Technological development has opened many gateways for students to work smoothly and effectively. Classroom technologies are proving to be a great help for both students and teachers by contributing immensely towards the research projects and activities. So far the students' daily experiences and general study engagement using individual assessment is concerned the university is dynamic in its nature.

Our teachers are enterprising, sincere and rich in potential. One would find many learned and dynamic names associated with this university. After all Utkal University is the pride of our state. Utkal University is far from the scary political issues that have dampened many other institutions in the contemporary world that has made our academic life smooth. Utkal is a treasure in terms of education, research, culture, and language.

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Utkal University at a Glance

Dr. Manoranjan Senapaty

Utkal University, popularly known as Vani Vihar, is the abode of Goddess of learning is established in 1943 with an intention of imparting the higher educational systems and research oriented programmes in the highest order. Our ancient scriptures declare that Sā Vidyā Yā Vimuktaye means knowledge makes one feel free and Utkal University stands in it. The term Utkal is the ancient name of Odisha which signifies the explosion or beautification of art (Kalāy āh Utkarṣatvāt Utkal iti). And consequently Utkal University is merged in this category of developing the art of different category. Once upon a time it was the only University under whom all most all colleges of Odisha were affiliated. The gravity and vanity of Utkal University is its beautiful surroundings that are enriched with different types of trees and plants. When somebody enters into the campus he never leaves the campus unless and until passing some time in its beautiful atmosphere.

Generally, it so happens that when somebody hears the name of Utkal University in his college life, he starts dreaming how can he enter inter into this University for his higher study. Since time immemorial we cannot predict how many scholars this University has produced who are working around the globe. But as far as my knowledge is concerned it is assured that if somebody has engaged himself in study during his study duration, he has always been blessed by the Goddess of learning. For this I may be concrete example for this purpose as I left Utkal University in 1996 to pursue my doctoral degree and worked in out of Odisha. But I felt that I am blessed by Goddess Saraswati when I was offered the job here to serve the same University where I had my post graduation. Certainly we can tell it as the love and affection of our mother University that dragged me to serve here.

Utkal University is unique and extra ordinary in imparting the educational value. Here we don't have any discrimination in term of sharing the educational importance. Another important factor of this University is it accommodates the maximum students those are flourished from the rural sector where as perhaps it is rare in other Universities. The parents of a particular student feel proud when he comes to know that his son or daughter got a seat in to carry on his higher study in Utkal University. The the then Utkal University and now, there is hell and heaven differences. Now we can notice a huge development in connection to the academic, infrastructure, logistics and other allied belongings. Generally teachers, employees and students feel thankful and proud when they get a chance to enter into this institution. There is a shadow of love and affection in the campus among the employees and students. Previously very few departments were in the campus but now we can notice nearly thirty departments are functioning in the campus. And more over to serve better to the rural sector, Utkal University has functioned its New Campus near Chandikhole before one year where around five courses have been started.

Another interesting fact is no variety of trees is left out in this campus those are found in the country. There is no lack of seasonal fruits and flowers in the campus. When we look the other side in connection to the hostels, our boarders used to reside happily in hostels. Staying in hostels in Vani Vihar is very much interesting. There is a homely atmosphere in the hostels of Utkal University. The boarders never feel that they are away from their parents. Utkal University is capable of accommodating nearly three thousand students in around fourteen hostels and more over each hostel is named after the great souls of our state. So when question arises about the nation builders of our state, easily it can be recalled and replied. Let's serve together for the better interest of Utkal University.

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Thank You Vani Vihar

Dr Pramod Kumar Das

Dear Vani Vihar
Thank You
For your care
Which I must share.

Thank You
For giving me an opportunity
For giving me liberty
For making me bright
By providing sufficient light.

Thank you
For your patience, benevolence
For you elegance, eminence and excellence
For giving me a chance
To grow, to glow and to flow
In the stream of life.

Thank you
For giving me an opportunity
To adorn my study
To mingle with my buddy
To learn
To be part of healthy academic community
That was so sweet of you
So nice of you
So cordial of you.

I pray Lord Jagannath
To keep you fit and fine.
To bless you
So that you continue to shine.

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Vani Vihar: I Owe You

Mamun Mousumi Nayak

Oh my alma mater, revered Vani vihar
You were never there
in my wildest dreams.
With gloom and despair
Did I step into your province.
Leaving Vellore was not just leaving VIT,
But burying a dream deep inside
Of being a Scientist.
But yes, I was in awe of you
As you have produced my Father;
The like of whom in this life
I won't meet again,
And whose selfless devotion
and Integrity
Is never in the realm of the mundane.
I still remember the day
When we first met,
On the day of my PMIR and Zoology
Entrance Test.
I was awestruck by your gasp evoking beauty:
With the leaf laden branches against the blue skies,
The vivid colours of Jaruls,
Amaltas and Bougenvilles
with the scarlet Gulmohar
adding allure to the lush green canopies.
Later I was into Zoology,
But PMIR became my identity
Perhaps stuck there was my finality.

From the clusters of genes DNA and chromosomes,
I was to enter into the world of Business.
To bridge that gap I reached the sanctum of Parija Library.
My eyes were closed for a while with utmost peace.
Somewhere in the recesses of mind,
I could hear the pearls of wisdom of my Father
coursing through my veins to the alleys of my soul.
Speechless I was, mind numbed;
Tears flowed freely in a divine calm.
Took a deep breath and the saga continued....
Fresh in the memory, the sublime dawn of the autumns
Where the intoxicating fragrance of Saptaparni
near the Auditorium and
the carpet of the fragile Night queen
With orangey heart and stem in the wintry morning
Made my days even stunning.
You gave me friends for life
Mate for the soul and
Sowed the seeds of dreams again
to be a lifelong Learner ;
What could have I asked for more!
Today amidst these jubilations galore,
I silently bow down with profound veneration
For teaching me Moderation through your Serenity,
For teaching me Forbearance through your Generosity ,
And character through your Purity;
Oh my alma mater revered Vani vihar,
I now know you are and will be there in me till Eternity.

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Vanivihar



Utkrushta Utkal

Asim Ranjan Parhi

I had entered Vani Vihar with a sense of awe in my eyes and wonder in my thought sometime in 1986 when my brother was doing his Master of Arts here. At home my father would talk about Madhusudan, Gopabandhu, Nilakantha, Godavarisha and such legendary names who championed the cause of a people, a state, a culture with a glorious past. Utkal University has been part of the same intellectual and cultural movement.

After graduating from Ravenshaw College I entered again, with more confidence, and tremendous curiosity usually apparent in those days among students coming from villages staying all through in college hostels.

The name 'Utkal' associated with the university gave me my first principle of learning; that the vision of a university cannot be dissociated from that of the state.

The grace of Saraswati, the seat of my stay and learning named 'Vani Vihar' certainly set my goal of never confusing with India's evolved tradition of Vidya as a gift of the goddess and its learning to be a worship with that of a misled Marxist perception of it as a super structure. I was fascinated and determined; I ought to trace my roots and engage in the enchanting lyricism of the dhoti-clad Upendra Bhanja on Vani Vihar's left, the captivating fictional marvel of Fakir Mohan on its right and see through my little access to western literature exploring its contextual relevance.

Utkal University's aim of higher education thus flashed in a second, its educationists are seers. They were appropriately called Pandits since they stood for light, removal of the avidya of ignorance, poverty, gender and caste stereotypes. Nilakantha Das's erudition and scholarship dazzled like a star in Vani Vihar's radiant sky. Godavarisha Mishra's invocation 'Tunga Sikhari Chula…'mesmerised as a sudden monsoon drizzle. Destinations disappeared. The journey beckoned with a decent poise and receptive magic. A student at Vani's Vihar got its mission.

The establishment of this university few years after our statehood and little before independence of the country certainly placed it at a pedestal synonymous with both struggle and victory that form a rich cultural heritage of civilizations. Ours is not a university founded thus on an imported ideological luxury at the expense a state and country's rich history and culture. This university sings of heroism and adversity of its people, laments the loss of its warriors and legendary figures. It was not set up to count its glory by the number of public servants it produced but watching out whether its degree holders genuinely understood the values it had set before establishing itself, the aspirations of its architects who sealed a dream for their loving state and its rich diversity. Needless to say, today just as it was yesterday, Utkal has been standing tall for its neutral ideological affiliation unlike many others (some use the term elite for those) that are grounded in an intolerant, monopolized, cynical world view. The graceful Barada with her veena on play in no way dampens the egalitarian, secular values of learning appropriated and misleadingly championed by some of the products of those hollowed institutions.

Vani Vihar set up by its Basisthas is their gifted Nandini; a ceaseless flow of seasons of love and humanity, knowledge devoid of affiliation, with a vigour like that of its seasons, at once enticing yet culminating in calm repose, thrilling yet never uprooting us of our core essence.

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My 40 Years of Journey

Sabita Acharya

Today I am the Academic Head (Chairperson, PG Council) with additional charge as Director, College Development Council and Director, International Office of Utkal University. Never ever I thought when I entered this Citadel of Higher Learning in the year 1979 in the Department of Anthropology that I could come this long way. A direct relation for 40 years when I look back. Be it with my teachers, my friends, my seniors and juniors, my colleagues, my students, researchers and academicians within and outside Utkal University and many more with whom I have had unforgettable relationships. Incredible, is n't it !!! If I go down my memory lane in details, I am sure my experience may exceed a couple of big volumes of books, but I decide to limit to share my slice of experience to a couple of pages.

Like many others my first semester at university was different. It was a major step up from SCS College, Puri – bringing new friends and new experiences. My experience had been a mix of both positive times and challenges which I had already anticipated before starting. During my university years, I had the chance to taste-test different curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular programmes, learn from experts in diverse fields and explore my passions to tailor my academic and career paths. Although I had Zoology Honours in my graduation but I had decided to switch over to Anthropology in Post Graduation as I could sense that this was becoming an emerging academic and research area. Although I had the privilege to learn from different academic experts, but the four teachers, whose teachings were par excellent and did the lasting mark. They were Prof. K.C. Tripathy, Late Prof. N.K Behura, under whose guidance I did my Ph.D. later on and Prof. P.K.Nayak and Prof. K.K. Mishra. In true sense they were the mentors for the students. Those days the teacher student's relationship was at a very high level.

Besides academics I used to concentrate on my other interest, i.e. sports and games. I was the State Level athlete and I became athletic champion of Vani Vihar on two consecutive years. During out time less number of students were participating in athletic meet in Vani Vihar.

Utkal University not only encouraged me to be academically strong but also caused me to be a better person in life. The total period of my associationship at Utkal University will remain as the best time for me.

As part of the curriculum, the students of Anthropology undertake field studies for about a month every academic year particularly in tribal areas. In 1980 we had gone to Mayurbhanj, where I had the chance to come very close to the tigress "KHAIRI". I never thought I could sit and touch the big cat, who was living with her human foster parents, great environmentalist Late Shri Saroj Raj Choudhury and his wife. It was a very memorable incidence to me.

I had a great time during my hostel stay, and with my friends during university days. I adapted very fast to the hostel life and had made new friends from different departments and the relationship still growing and the bond becoming stronger day by day. We regularly meet at different places in Bhubaneswar and cherish our nice moments of those days.

After passing out my post graduation in Anthropology, I immediately got myself to doing M.Phil and at that moment I had decided to make academics as my career. I was the UGC Research Fellow and for Ph.D. work and in 1991 I was awarded Ph.D by this University. From 1987 onwards I have been involved in Teaching, Research and Academic Administration of this great university. I am indebted to Utkal University for its contribution in my life. I could be able to join Oxford University, UK in 2002 as Commonwealth Post-Doctoral Fellow. Besides that I have visited many Universities of U.K, Germany, China, Brazil and Poland on academic work.

It has been very satisfying career for me so far, although there were some glitches and challenges in my way. I always try to contribute to the development of the university in best possible manner. Whatever I am now, it is possible only because of my Utkal University.

In a few months from now, by the next year 2020 I will superannuate from the University services but my 40 years of relationships will remain with me as the most valuable treasure throughout my life.



A Foundation Day Gift

Oh! Abode of my heart
On this blessed day
When thou hath chosen
To bless your creations
With THY DIVINE PRESENCE
This little heart rejoices in glee.

Little birdies in their nest
Sing songs in praise of thee
Tears of joy from heaven
Come to wash Thy Feet and
Nature in her bounty
Showers gifts beholding her !

What shall I give, O dear abode !
As a gift for Thee?
Some curds, some butter
Would you like of me?
But the World is waiting
With these gifts for Thee .

Alas ! may be my dear abode
i've nothing worthy enough of Thee,
But here's a petty gift,
a humble gift indeed –
This little heart of mine
i offer unto Thee .

Sumita Chakraborty
Department of English
1985-1987

ALUMNI MEET- 1979
DEPT. OF ANALYTICAL & APPLIED ECONOMICS
UTKAL UNIVERSITY, VANI VIHAR



Seen in the picture are: (1) Prof. Dr Sadasiv Misra, Ex. VC of Utkal University and formerly president of Indian Economics Association delivering his speech. (2) Dr V. K. R. V. Rao (2nd from left), founder of Delhi School of Economics, Delhi & ISEC, Bangalore and former Cabinet Minister (Industry) in Jawaharlal Nehru's Cabinet. (3) Prof. Dr Baidyanath Mishra (HOD). (4) Kulamani Mishra (1979 batch passout) Convener of Alumni Meet 1979.

ALUMNI MEET- 1979



Seen in the picture are: Dr V. K. R. V. Rao (Chief Guest) lighting the candles as Prof. Dr Baidyanath Mishra (HOD) and Kulamani Mishra (Convener) look on.



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(ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ସ୍ଥାପନା ଦିବସ ଉପଲକ୍ଷେ କୁଳପତିଙ୍କ ସ୍ୱରଚିତ କବିତା)

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ଜଗତ ବିଦିତ ଏ ବାଣୀ ବିହାର ।
ସ୍ପନ୍ଦନ ବିହୀନ ଇଚ୍ଛାର ଆକାର
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ଜାତି ଇତିହାସ, ଭବିଷ୍ୟ ଅଭୀପ୍‌ସା ।
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ହିଂସା ଦ୍ୱେଷ ଘୃଣା ସବୁ ପରା ଧୋଇ ।୨।

ପ୍ରାଣ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାତାଙ୍କ ମାଗଇ ଆଶିଷ
ସୁନ୍ଦର ଉତ୍କଳ, ସୁନ୍ଦର ଭବିଷ୍ୟ
ଜଳୁଥାଉ ବହ୍ନି ଜ୍ଞାନର ରାଜ୍ୟରେ
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ଅଗ୍ରଜ ଗଠିତ ଏ ବାଣୀବିହାର
ପବିତ୍ର ଜମି ଏ ରସୁଲଗଡ଼ର
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ଏକ ବିସ୍ମୃତି ମାତ୍ର ।
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କେଉଁ ଏକ ନିଭୃତ କୋଣରେ ।
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ନ ହେଲେ ଅନ୍ତତଃ ମନେ ପକାନ୍ତୁ ।

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କେଉଁଠି ଖୋଜିବି ତୁମକୁ ?
ଆକାଶର ପ୍ରଶାନ୍ତ ବକ୍ଷରେ
ସାଗରର ଉତକ୍ଷିପ୍ତ ଢେଉରେ
ଧୂ ଧୂ ଖରାବେଳର ନିଝୁମ ପ୍ରହରେ
ନା ଭଙ୍ଗା ବଇଁଶୀର ବେସୁରା ରାଗିଣୀରେ
କେଉଁଠି ଖୋଜିବି ତୁମକୁ... ।

ଜ୍ୟୋତ୍ସ୍ନା ବିଧୌତ ରଜନୀର ଶିଶିର ସିକ୍ତ କୋଛନାରେ
ନା ଉତପ୍ତ ଅଗ୍ନିର ଲେଲିହାନ ଶିଖାରେ
ନା ସଦ୍ୟ ପ୍ରସ୍ଫୁଟିତ ପୁଷ୍ପର ସୁରଭିତ ବାସ୍ନାରେ
ନା ବର୍ଷାଭିଜା ଆକାଶର ସପ୍ତରଙ୍ଗୀ ଇନ୍ଦ୍ରଧନୁରେ
ହେ ପ୍ରିୟ ନା ଅମାବାସ୍ୟା ରାତ୍ରିର ନିର୍ଜନ ଅନ୍ଧକାରରେ
କେଉଁଠି ଖୋଜିବି ତୁମକୁ... ।

ବିକ୍ଷିପ୍ତ ମରୁଭୂମିର ଉଜୁଡା ମରୁଦ୍ୟାନରେ
ଝରିପଡୁଥିବା ଫୁଲର ପାଖୁଡାରେ
ଆକାଶରେ ବୁଲୁଥିବା ଭସା ବାଦଲରେ
ଘାସଫୁଲର ପ୍ରତି କାକର ବିନ୍ଦୁରେ
ଆଖିରୁ ଝରୁଥିବା ଅବାରିତ ଅଶ୍ରୁରେ
କେଉଁଠି ଖୋଜିବି ତୁମକୁ... ।

ମୋ ପ୍ରିୟ ହୃଦୟରୁ ଉଠୁଥିବା ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ କୋହରେ
କେଉଁଠି ଖୋଜିବି ତୁମକୁ, କାହିଁକି ଖୋଜୁଛି ବୋଲି
ଆଉ ପ୍ରଶ୍ନ କରିବିନି; ଠିକଣା ତ ଦେଇ ନ ଥିଲ
ଖାଲି କହିଥିଲ, ତୁମେ ସର୍ବବ୍ୟାପୀ ବୋଲି... ।

ଅଧ୍ୟାପିକା ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗ,
(ପ୍ରାକ୍ତନ ଛାତ୍ରୀ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ)
ଜାତୀୟ କବି ବୀର କିଶୋର କଲେଜ, କଟକ
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-ଶତ୍ରୁଜିତ୍

କିଏ କହିଥାଏ ବାଣୀବିହାରରେ କିଛିନାହିଁ, କିଛିନାହିଁ
କାହାଲାଗି ଇଏ ମରୁ ମରୀଚିକା ତୃଷ୍ଣା ଟାଙ୍ଗରା ଭୂଇଁ
ମୋ ଲାଗି ଏ ପରା ପୁଣ୍ୟ ତୀର୍ଥସ୍ଥଳୀ ମନେ ଭାବିଥାଏ ଏହି
ଯେ କହେ ଏଠାରେ କିଛିନାହିଁ, ସେ'ତ ନିଜେ କିଛି ଜାଣିନାହିଁ ।

ଆଖି ପିଛୁଳାକେ ମଉଳିଯାଉଛି ବୟସର କୃଷ୍ଣଚୂଡ଼ା
ଫୁଟିଲେ ସାତଶ' ପଦ୍ମକୋରକ, ସାତଶ' କଇଁପାଖୁଡ଼ା
ଏତେ ଦିନ ଏତେ ରାତି
ଜାଣିହେଲା ନାହିଁ ବାଣୀବିହାରରେ କେମିତି ଯାଇଛି ବିତି ।

ଆଜି ଏଠି ଅଛି ଜାଣେନାହିଁ ମୁଁ ତ କେଉଁଠି ବା ଥିବି କାଲି
ଦେହ ସିନା ଯିବ, ଯେତେ ଯାହାକଲେ ସ୍ମୃତି ଯିବନାହିଁ ଚାଲି
ଖେଳୁଥିବି କେଉଁ କୁରୁସଭା ପରେ ଜୀବନର ପଶାପାଲି
ଯେଉଁଠି ଥିଲେ ବି ବାଣୀବିହାରର ଛବି ଦିଶୁଥିବ ଖାଲି ।

ଆସିଥିଲା ବେଳେ ଜାଣିଥିଲି ମୁହିଁ ଫେରିବାକୁ ମୋତେ ହେବ
ଫେରିବାର ବେଳ ଆସେ ସବୁବେଳେ କାମ ଯେବେ ସରିଯିବ
ତଥାପି କି ମନ ବୁଝେ !
ପ୍ରତିଟି ସଫଳ ମୁହୂର୍ତ୍ତର ସଜଳ ସ୍ମୃତି ଖୋଜେ ।

ଅତୀତକୁ ଯେତେ ଖୋଜିଲେ ବି ଆଜି ଆଖିମୋର ପାଉନାହିଁ
ଲାଗୁଅଛି ଅବା କେତେ ଯୁଗ ଧରି ଏଇଠାରେ ଥିଲି ରହି
ବାଣୀବିହାର ଗୋ ! ଘେନ ମୋ ପ୍ରଣାମ ମରମର କଥା ଏହି
ଯେ କହେ ତୋ'ଠାରେ କିଛିନାହିଁ, ସେ'ତ ନିଜେ କିଛି ଜାଣିନାହିଁ ।

ପୁରାତନ ଛାତ୍ର,
ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ଆଇନ ବିଭାଗ
ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ

ହେ ବାଣୀ ବିହାର

ବନ୍ଧୁ ବାହନ ରାଉତ

ଅତୀତର ଆଇନାରେ.
ଭଙ୍ଗା ସ୍ୱପ୍ନର ଇସ୍ତାହାର,
ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନର ବାସ୍ତବତାରେ
ସାଉଁଟା ଜୀବନର ସୂଚୀପତ୍ର;
ଫେରି ହୁଏନା.... ଅଥଚ ଭୁଲି ହୁଏନା
ଅହର୍ନିଶ କେହି ଜଣେ
ଡାକୁଥାଏ ତୁହାଇ ତୁହାଇ
ଆ ଫେରିଆ !
ସାଇତି ରଖିଛି ତୋପାଇଁ
ଅନେକ ସ୍ମୃତିଭିଜା ଶ୍ୟାମଳ ସମ୍ଭାର ।୧।
ଆଞ୍ଜୁଳାଏ ସପନକୁ...
ସାଇତି ହେଲାନି ଆଖିର କୋରଡ଼ରେ...
ମୁଠାଏ ବିଶ୍ୱାସକୁ...
ସମ୍ଭାଳି ହେଲାନି ବୁକୁର ଏରୁଣ୍ଡିରେ,
ପୁଳାପୁଳା ଅବସୋସ...ଦୀର୍ଘଶ୍ୱାସ ଛଡ଼ା
ଆଉ କିଛି ସାଉଁଟି ହେଲାନି
ମନର ଅଗଣାରୁ,
ଜାଣି ହେଲାନି କେମିତି
ଖସିଗଲା ପାଦ
ସମୟର ଶିଉଳୀ ତୁଠରୁ ।୨।
ଅନେକ ସଂଜ୍ଞା ବହୁଳ
କିଛି ଆଲୋଚିତ...କିଛି ଅନାଲୋଚିତ
କିଛି ସମୟାନ୍ତର... କିଛି ସମୟାତୀତ
ତଥାପି ରହସ୍ୟା ବୃତ୍ତ
ଜୀବନର ଅଛିଣ୍ଡା ଗଣିତ,
ତା' ଭିତରେ
ବାଣୀ ବିହାର ଓ ମୁଁ...

ଆଉ ଆମ ସମ୍ପର୍କର ମିଶାଣ-ଫେଡ଼ାଣ;
ବାଣୀ ବିହାର... !
ସେ'ତ ଗୋଟେ ବିଶ୍ୱାସର ଅଗଣାରେ
ପବିତ୍ର ହୃଦୟ ତୁଳସୀ,
ନିଃଶ୍ୱାସର ସୂତାଖିଅରେ ନିତି ଲୋଡ଼ା
ସମ୍ପର୍କର ଦେଇପିଣ୍ଡି ହେଇ;
ଦେହରୁ ...ଛାଇ ଯାଏ
ବାସୁଥାଏ ମହମହ ଅଗରୁ-ଚନ୍ଦନ ।୩।
ସ୍ମୃତି ଫେରେ...
ଛାଇ ବି ଫେରେ...
ଆମ୍ରକୁଞ୍ଜ...ସତୀ ଚଉରା...
ଅଥବା...ତାଳପଦେଶ୍ୱରୀ ପୀଠ
ଆଜି ବି ଅନ୍ୟମନସ୍କ କରେ
ଏବେ ବି ଜାବୋଡ଼ି ଧରେ
ବାସ୍ନାୟିତ 'ଗୁଣ ଅତୀତ ।୪।
ହେ ବାଣୀ ବିହାର !
ବର୍ଣ୍ଣହୀନ ଅବା ବର୍ଣ୍ଣଯୁକ୍ତ
ପ୍ରତ୍ୟୁଷ...ମଧ୍ୟାହ୍ନ...ସନ୍ଧ୍ୟା ଓ ରାତ୍ରି ଭଉଣରେ
ତମେ ଏକ ନୀଳବର୍ଣ୍ଣ ଅଭାବ
ଯେଉଁଠି ନିଜସ୍ୱ ଏକାନ୍ତ ପଣର
ସୁନାଜରି ଲଗା ସୁନେଲୀ ସକାଳେ,
ଚିକ୍‌ମିକ୍ ଉଦୁଉଦିଆ ଦ୍ୱି-ପ୍ରହର ସହରେ
ମୁମୂର୍ଷୁ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିଳ ଗୋଧୂଳି ସଞ୍ଜରେ
ଆବେଗସିକ୍ତ ସ୍ୱପ୍ନିଳ ରାତ୍ରିରେ
ପ୍ରତି ହୃଦୟର
ସବୁକାନ୍ଦ...ସବୁହସ...
ଲାଖିଯାଏ ଡଙ୍ଗାପରି,
ଅଟକିଯାଏ ସ୍ପନ୍ଦନ ପରି
ତୁମ ଆବେଗିକ ହୃଦୟର ନିସିଦ୍ଧ ପଠାରେ ।୫।

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ମୋ ସାଧନାର ତୀର୍ଥଭୂମି

ଡକ୍ଟର ଶର୍ମିଷ୍ଠା ମହାପାତ୍ର

ଜୀବନ ମନ୍ତ୍ରଫୁଙ୍କି
ପାଦଦେଲାପରେ
ବାଣୀବିହାର ତୀର୍ଥଭୂମି
କୋଳେଇ ନେଲା ତା' ବିସ୍ତୀର୍ଣ୍ଣ ସ୍ଥଳୀରେ
ସାଧନାର ଏହି କି ସାରସ୍ୱତ ପୀଠ !
ଏ କି ବୁଦ୍ଧଙ୍କଠାରୁ ବୋଧିଲାଭ କରିବାର ସ୍ଥଳ
ଯେଉଁଠୁ ଗଢ଼ା ହୋଇଛନ୍ତି ଶତସହସ୍ର ଅମ୍ଳାନ ପୂତ !
ଜ୍ଞାନ ବୁଦ୍ଧି ଭାବର ଅସରନ୍ତି
ଅପାଶୋରା ମୁହୂର୍ତ୍ତ ପଦଧ୍ୱନି
ବିଚରିଲେ ଥରେ ଫେରିବାର ମୋହ ଭୁଲିବାକୁ ହୁଏ ଯେ !
ଉତ୍କଳର ଗରିମା ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ
କବି ଗୋଦାବରୀଶ ମିଶ୍ର, କୃଷ୍ଣଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ଗଜପତି ପ୍ରାଣକୃଷ୍ଣ ପରିଜାଙ୍କ
ଆତ୍ମା ଉଦ୍ଧରିବାର ଏକି ପ୍ରୟାଗସ୍ଥଳ !
ସେଦିନର କଥା ଠିକ୍ ମନେଅଛି
ଅତୀତ ନୁହେଁ ସତେକି ଏଇନା ଘଟିଥିବା ବାସ୍ତବକଥା
ରମାଦେବୀ ଛାତ୍ରୀନିବାସ ଶହେ ନଅ ନମ୍ବର ପ୍ରକୋଷ୍ଠ
ଚିନୁ, ରୋଜି, ବେବୀ, କୁନୁ, ଜୁଲି ସାଙ୍ଗରେ
କଟାଇଥିବା ଦୀର୍ଘ ଦୁଇବର୍ଷ
ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗରେ ଫୁଟିଥିଲା ତାରୁଣ୍ୟର ଚମ୍ପାଫୁଲ
ବୀରହେବାର ମହନୀୟତା, ଜାତି ଭାଷା ବଂଚାଇବାର
ନିୟମିତ ପ୍ରୟାସ ।
ପରିଜା ପାଠାଗାରରୁ ଧୂଳିଝାଡ଼ି
ଜୀବନର ସ୍ପନ୍ଦନ କାନେଇବା
ପାଣିଟାଙ୍କି, ଅଳକା ବଜାର
ସତୀ ଚଉରାରରେ ଜମୁଥିବା ସନ୍ଧ୍ୟାଭିଡ଼
ତାଳପଦେଶ୍ୱରୀ ମା'ର ଆଶୀର୍ବାଦନେଇ ବଂଚିଥିଲୁ ଢ଼େର୍ କେତେଜଣ ।
ମଝିରେ ମଝିରେ ସାହିତ୍ୟ ଚର୍ଚ୍ଚା
ଶିବ ମନ୍ଦିର, ରଥଟଣା, ଶ୍ରୀରାମ ଜେରକ୍ସ
ମୋ'ଲାଗି ଆଜିବି ଅବିସ୍ମରଣୀୟ ।
ଅନ୍ୟାୟ ଲାଗି ର୍‍ୟାଲି, ରାଜନୀତିର ପଶାଖେଳରେ
କେଜାଣି କାହିଁକି ବିତିଥିବ ଥରେ ଅଧେ
ହଁ, ରବୀନ୍ଦ୍ର ମଣ୍ଡପରେ ନାଟକ ଦେଖା
କିଏ କେବେ ସହଜେ ପାରିବ କି ଭୁଲି !
କଲମ ଧରିବା, ବାଣୀଲିପିରେ କବିତା ଲେଖି
ପୁଣି କବିଟିଏ ହେବାର ସ୍ୱପ୍ନ
ସୁନାରୀ ଫୁଲଭଳି ଝଟକିଥିବ କ୍ୟାମ୍ପସର ଏପ୍ରାନ୍ତ ସେପ୍ରାନ୍ତରେ ।

ଅଧ୍ୟାପିକା, ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗ,
ଆର୍.ସି.ଏମ୍. ବିଜ୍ଞାନ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ,
ଖଲ୍ଲିକୋଟ, ଗଂଜାମ ।
ମୋ-୭୨୦୫୪୦୦୫୮୪

ଏବେ କ୍ୟାମ୍ପସ୍‌ରେ ଏକା ଏକା

ଡକ୍ଟର ମମତାରାଣୀ ବେହେରା

ଏବେ କ୍ୟାମ୍ପସ୍‌ରେ ଏକା ଏକା ମୁଁ
ତୁମେ ନାହଁ,ଅଛି ପାଦଚିହ୍ନ ତୁମର
ଏଠି,ସେଠି,ସବୁଠି
ବିଧ୍ୱସ୍ତ ଆମ୍ରବାଟିକାର ଚଉତରାରେ
ଛାତ୍ରୀନିବାସ ସାମନା ଝାଉଁଗଛ ତଳେ
ଶ୍ରେଣୀଗୃହରେ, ପରିକ୍ଷା ପାଠାଗାରରେ
ତୁମ ଅନ୍ୟମନସ୍କ ବୟସର ଦାଗ,ଲାଖି ରହିଛି
ଏକାନ୍ତ ଅନ୍ତରଙ୍ଗତାରେ ।

ମହାକାଳର ଛାଇ,
କେତେବାଗରେ,
ଲୁଚାଇଦେବାକୁ ସେହି ସଂଚିତ ସ୍ମୃତିକୁ
କେତେ ଫିସାଦନକରିଛି କୁହ
ପୋଛିଦେଇଛି ଥରକୁଥର,
ଅସହିଷ୍ଣୁତାରେ
କଦମ୍ବ,କୃଷ୍ଣଚୂଡା କି ଆମ୍ରକୁଞ୍ଜର
ସବୁଜିମା ।
କେତେ ପରସ୍ତ ଧୂଳି ଉଡିଯାଇଛି
ଖୋଜି ଖୋଜି ଦିଗ୍‌ବଳୟ ସୀମା
ହେଲେ ଜକ ଜକ ଦିଶି ଯାଇଛି ସେହି ଅଲିଭା ସ୍ୱାକ୍ଷର
ମେଘଳ ଆଷାଢରେ/ନିଶୂନ ନିଦାଘରେ
ମୁକୁଳିତ ମଧୁମାସରେ
ନିଗୁଡା ଅଭିସାରରେ,ନିବିଡ ଲୋଡିବାପଣରେ ।

ହଜିଯାଇଥିବା ସମୟର ବିବଶପଣରେ
ଭାରି ନିଛାଟିଆ ଏକାଏକା ଥିବାବେଳେ ହିଁ
ଦିଶିଯାଇଛି ଏଠି,ସେଠି,ସବୁଠି
ଆମ ପାଦଚିହ୍ନ ଉପରେ ପାଦଥାପି
ଠିଆ ହୋଇଛି,
ଚିରକାଳର ଅପ୍ରତିହତ ତାରୁଣ୍ୟ,
ଅନାହତ ପ୍ରେମ ଓ ସ୍ପର୍ଦ୍ଧାରେ,
ମନେ ପକାଇଦେବାକୁ
କ୍ୟାମ୍ପସ୍‌ର ପ୍ରତିଟି କନିନିକାରେ
ଭରି ରହିଛି ଯେଉଁ ବିଭୋରତା,
ସେଠି ତୁମେ ଅଛ,ଅଛି ମୁଁ
ଭିନ୍ନ ଏକ ତରୁଣର ଈର୍ଷା କି ଇସାରାରେ
ଭିନ୍ନ ଏକ ତରୁଣୀର ଉପେକ୍ଷାରେ କି ସଲ୍ଲଜ ସମର୍ପଣରେ ।

ଡି.ଡି.ସି.ଇ,ଉତ୍କଳବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ
ମୋ.ନଂ-୯୯୩୭୩୦୮୫୦୧



ମୋ ସ୍ମୃତିର ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ

ପ୍ରଫେସର ବୈଷ୍ଣବ ଚରଣ ସାମଲ

ସ୍ମୃତିରେ ସ୍ମୃତିରେ ଆସିଯାଏ ଅନେକ କଥା । କେତେ ଭାସିଯାଏ, ସମୟର ଅନାଦି ଅନନ୍ତ ଗର୍ଭରେ ମିଳେଇ ଯାଏ , କେତେ ରହିଥାଏ ଜୀବନ୍ତ ହୋଇ । ନୀରବ ମୁହୂର୍ତ୍ତରେ ମାନସ ପଟରେ ଉଙ୍କିମାରେ, ଦେଖୁଥିବା ଛବି ବା ଚିତ୍ର ଗୁଡ଼ିକ ନୂତନ ରୂପରେ ଶବ୍ଦ ଚିତ୍ର ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ ପ୍ରକାଶ ପାଇଯାଏ । ସେଇମିତି ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ମୋର ଦୀର୍ଘ ଅଠର ବର୍ଷର (୧୯୭୯-୧୯୯୬) ସ୍ମୃତି ଆଜିମୋର ମନେ ପଡ଼ି ଯାଉଛି । ଯେତେବେଳେ ମୁଁ ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା ଓ ସାହିତ୍ୟ ବିଭାଗର ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଡକ୍ଟର ମଣୀନ୍ଦ୍ର ମେହେର ଙ୍କ ଠାରୁ ଫୋନ୍ ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ ଜାଣିଲି ଯେ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ତାର ପ୍ଲାଟିନମ୍ ଜୟନ୍ତୀ ପାଳନ କରିବାକୁ ଯାଉଛି ସେତେବେଳେ ମୋର ହୃଦୟରେ ସୃଷ୍ଟି ହେଇଗଲା ଦିବ୍ୟ ଉଲ୍ଲାସବୋଧ । ୧୯୪୩ ମସିହାରେ ଆଦ୍ୟ ଓଁକାର ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରିଥିବା ଉତ୍କଳ-ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଯେ ଏହା ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଦୀର୍ଘ ପଞ୍ଚସ୍ତରୀ ବର୍ଷ ବିତେଇ ସାରିଲାଣି ହଜାର ହଜାର ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କୁ ଦୁନିଆର ବଡ଼ଦାଣ୍ଡରେ ମଣିଷ ପରି ମଣିଷ କରି ଛିଡ଼ା କରେଇ ସାରିଲାଣି, ଉତ୍କଳର ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ଗୌରବକୁ ସର୍ବଭାରତୀୟ ସ୍ତରରେ ମୋ ବିଶ୍ୱ ସ୍ତରରେ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ଦେଇସାରିଲାଣି ; ଏକଥା ଭାବିଲେ ଯେତିକି ବିସ୍ମୟ ଲାଗେ ତାହା ଅପେକ୍ଷା ବେଶି ତନ୍ମୟତା ଅନୁଭବ କରିହୁଏ ।

ବ୍ରିଟିଶ୍ ଶାସନ କାଳରେ , ଦ୍ୱିତୀୟ ମହାଯୁଦ୍ଧର ଘନଘଟା ସମୟରେ , ଭାରତଛାଡ଼ ଆନ୍ଦୋଳନ ଓ ବ୍ରିଟିଶ୍ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ସହିତ ଅସହଯୋଗ ଚାଲିଥିବା ସମୟରେ ; ଅନ୍ୟ ଅର୍ଥରେ ଏକ ଘୋର ସଙ୍କଟ ଓ ସଂଘର୍ଷପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ପରିବେଶରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶାରେ ପାରଳା ମହାରାଜା କୃଷ୍ଣଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ଗଜପତି ମୁଖ୍ୟମନ୍ତ୍ରୀତ୍ୱ ଓ ପଣ୍ଡିତ ଗୋଦାବରୀଶ ମିଶ୍ର ଙ୍କ ଶିକ୍ଷାମନ୍ତ୍ରିତ୍ୱ ବେଳେ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାଲାଭ କଲା ଉତ୍କଳବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଓ ରେଭେନ୍ସା ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ଶିକ୍ଷା ଦାନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଆରମ୍ଭ କରିଥିଲା । କଟକ ମେଡ଼ିକାଲ ସମ୍ମୁଖସ୍ଥ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ କୋଠି ଥିଲା ଏହାର ଆଫିସିକ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାଳୟ । ଏଇ ଲେଖକ ମଧ୍ୟ ଦେଖୁଛି ସେ କାଳର ଏଠିକାର ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାଳୟକୁ ଓ ସେଠାରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ହେଉଥିବା ସମାବର୍ତ୍ତନ ଉତ୍ସବକୁ । କର୍ମଯୋଗୀ ଗୌରୀଶଙ୍କର ରାୟଙ୍କର 'ଉତ୍କଳ-ଦୀପିକା', 'ଆଚାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ପ୍ୟାରୀମୋହନଙ୍କ' 'ଉତ୍କଳ-ପୁତ୍ର', ନାଟ୍ୟକାର ରାମଶଙ୍କର ରାୟଙ୍କର 'ଉତ୍କଳ-ମଧୁପ', ମୟୂରଭଞ୍ଜର ମହାରାଜା ରାମଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ଭଞ୍ଜଙ୍କର 'ଉତ୍କଳ-ପ୍ରଭା', ବିଶ୍ୱନାଥ କରଙ୍କର ' ଉତ୍କଳ ସାହିତ୍ୟ', କୁଳବୃଦ୍ଧ ମଧୁସୂଦନ ଦାସଙ୍କର 'ଉତ୍କଳ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ', ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର ଉତ୍କଳ-ପ୍ରଦେଶ ଗଠନ ଇତ୍ୟାଦିରୁ ଉତ୍କଳ ନାମକୁ ସମ୍ମାନ ଜଣାଇ ନାମକରଣ ହେଲା - 'ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ' । ଷାଠିଏ ବର୍ଷରେ ଆରମ୍ଭରେ ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱରକୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଉଠି ଆସିଲା ଓ ଯେଉଁ ସ୍ଥାନରେ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାଲାଭ କଲା ତାହାର ନାମ ହେଲା 'ବାଣୀବିହାର' । 'ବାଣୀ' - ସରସ୍ୱତୀ, ବାଗଦେବୀ, ବିଦ୍ୟାଦାତ୍ରୀ - ନାମକୁ ସାର୍ଥକ କରି ଏହି ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ଭାରତ ବର୍ଷରେ କେବଳ ନୁହେଁ; ସମଗ୍ର ପୃଥିବୀରେ ମଧ୍ୟ ଆପଣାର ଖ୍ୟାତିକୁ ଅକ୍ଷୁଣ୍ଣ ରଖିବାକୁ ସମର୍ଥ ହେଲା ।

ମୋର ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଗତ ଅନୁଭବରେ ମୁଁ ଜାଣିଛି ସେ କାଳରେ ଯେଉଁମାନେ ଏହି ଭବ୍ୟ ବିଦ୍ୟା ନିକେତନର କୁଳପତି ଥିଲେ ସେମାନେ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଥିଲେ ଜଣେ ଜଣେ ଜ୍ଞାନଦୀପ୍ତ ମଣିଷ । ଆଜି ବି ମୋର ମନେପଡ଼ି ଯାଉଛନ୍ତି ପ୍ରଥମ କୁଳପତି ପ୍ରାଣକୃଷ୍ଣ ପରିଜା, ଯିଏ ଥିଲେ ଏକାଧାରରେ ବୈଜ୍ଞାନିକ, ବିଶିଷ୍ଟ ବିଦ୍ୱାନ୍, ସାହିତ୍ୟିକ, ଛାତ୍ରବତ୍ସଳ ଓ ମଣିଷ ପରି ମଣିଷ । ତାଙ୍କର ପରିଣତ ବୟସରେ ତାଙ୍କ ବାସ ଭବନରେ ମିଶିବାର ସୁଯୋଗ ପାଇ ମୁଁ ନିଜକୁ ଧନ୍ୟ ମନେ କରିଛି । ଦେଖିଛି ମଧ୍ୟ ଆହୁରି କେତେ କୁଳପତି ମହୋଦୟଙ୍କୁ । ସେମାନଙ୍କ ଭିତରୁ ଏବେ ମଧ୍ୟ ମାନସପଟରେ ଉଦ୍‌ଭାସିତ ହୋଇଯାଆନ୍ତି ପ୍ରଫେସର ସଦାଶିବ ମିଶ୍ର, ପ୍ରଫେସର ମନ୍ମଥନାଥ ଦାସ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ମହେନ୍ଦ୍ର କୁମାର ରାଉତ୍, ପ୍ରଫେସର ରମାନାଥ ମହାନ୍ତି, ପ୍ରଫେସର ଗୋକୁଳାନନ୍ଦ ଦାଶ ଓ ଶ୍ରୀଯୁକ୍ତ ବିମଳକୃଷ୍ଣ ମିଶ୍ର, ଶ୍ରୀଯୁକ୍ତ ଅରୁଣ କୁମାର ସାମନ୍ତ ରାୟ ପ୍ରମୁଖ କେତେ ବିଦ୍ୱାନ ଓ ବିଚାରବନ୍ତ ପ୍ରତିଭା । ସେତେବେଳେ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ମନେହେଉଥିଲା ଗୋଟିଏ ପରିବାର । ଯେଉଁପରିବାରରେ କୁଳପତି ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଓ

ସମସ୍ତ ବିଭାଗର ପ୍ରଫେସର ଅଧ୍ୟାପକ, ଅଧ୍ୟାପିକା, ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀ, ଗବେଷକ-ଗବେଷିକା, କୁଳସଚିବ, ପରୀକ୍ଷା ନିୟନ୍ତ୍ରକ ଓ ସମସ୍ତ କର୍ମଚାରୀ ଥିଲେ ସେହି ପରିବାରର ଜଣେ ଜଣେ ସଦସ୍ୟ । ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କ ଭିତରେ ଥିଲା ମଧୁର ସଂପର୍କ । ବିଭିନ୍ନ ବିଭାଗର ପ୍ରଫେସରମାନଙ୍କର ତରୁଣ ଅଧ୍ୟାପକ ଓ ଅଧ୍ୟାପିକାମାନଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତି ନିବିଡ଼ ସ୍ନେହ । ଜ୍ଞାନ ବିତରଣରେ ସେମାନେ ଥିଲେ ଅକୁଣ୍ଠ । ପ୍ରଫେସର ମନ୍ମଥନାଥ ଦାସ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ଶ୍ରୀରାମଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ଦାଶ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ରାଧାନାଥ ରଥ, ପ୍ରଫେସର କରୁଣାକର ବେହେରା, ପ୍ରଫେସର ସୂର୍ଯ୍ୟକାନ୍ତ ଦାସ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ଯତୀନ୍ଦ୍ରନାଥ ମହାନ୍ତି, ପ୍ରଫେସର ଗଣେଶ୍ୱର ମିଶ୍ର, ପ୍ରଫେସର ବଂଶୀଧର ମହାନ୍ତି, ପ୍ରଫେସର ଅନାମ ଚରଣ ସ୍ୱାଇଁ, ପ୍ରଫେସର କୃଷ୍ଣ ଚରଣ ସାହୁ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ନିତ୍ୟାନନ୍ଦ ଶତପଥୀ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ରାଜକିଶୋର ଜେନା, ପ୍ରଫେସର କିଶୋରୀ ଚରଣ ପାତ୍ର, ପ୍ରଫେସର କୃଷ୍ଣପ୍ରସାଦମିଶ୍ର ପ୍ରମୁଖ ବହୁ ବିଦ୍ୱାନ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଯେ ଗର୍ବ ଓ ଗୌରବ ବୃଦ୍ଧି କରିଥିଲେ, କହିଲେ ଅତ୍ୟୁକ୍ତି ହେବନାହିଁ ।

ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଏକ ମର୍ଯ୍ୟାଦାପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ବିଭାଗ । ୧୯୬୯ ମସିହାରୁ ଏହି ବିଭାଗ ଆରମ୍ଭ ହୋଇଥିଲା ଡଃ. ବଂଶୀଧର ମହାନ୍ତି, ଡ. ନିତ୍ୟାନନ୍ଦ ଶତପଥୀ, ଡ. ବାସୁଦେବ ସାହୁ ୩ଜଣଙ୍କୁ ନେଇ । ପରେ ଏହି ବିଭାଗକୁ ଆସିଛନ୍ତି ଡ. ଆଶୁତୋଷ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ, ଡ. ବୈଷ୍ଣବ ଚରଣ ସାମଲ, ଡ. ନିତ୍ୟାନନ୍ଦ ନାୟକ, ଡ. ସଂଘମିତ୍ରା ମିଶ୍ର, ଡ. ସ୍ନେହଲତା ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ, ଡ. ଶରତଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ରଥ, ଡ. ସୁରେନ୍ଦ୍ର ନାଥ ଦାଶ ଓ ଅନ୍ୟମାନେ । ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କ ଉଦ୍ୟମରେ ଏହି ବିଭାଗ ଅନେକ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରିଛି । ୧୯୯୪ ମସିହାରେ ବିଭାଗୀୟ ମୁଖ୍ୟଥିଲା ବେଳେ ବିଭାଗର ରଜତ ଜୟନ୍ତୀ ଉତ୍ସବ ୩ ଦିନ ଧରି ମହାସମାରୋହରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ହୋଇଥିଲା । ସେମିନାର୍, ସାଧାରଣ ସଭା,ପତ୍ରିକା ଓ ପୁସ୍ତକ ପ୍ରକାଶନ, ବିଶ୍ୱ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ତଥା ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରୁ ଅବସର ନେଇଥିବା ବିଦ୍ୱାନ୍ ପ୍ରଫେସରମାନଙ୍କୁ ସମ୍ବର୍ଦ୍ଧନା କରାଯାଇଥିଲା ।

ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗରେ ବର୍ଷ ସାରା କେତେ ସେମିନାର୍ କରାଯାଏ । ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ବିଭାଗରେ ମଧ ସେମିନାର୍ କରାଯାଇ ବହୁ ବିଦ୍ୱାନ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି ଯୋଗଦେଇ ପ୍ରବନ୍ଧ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନ କରନ୍ତି ଓ ଆଲୋଚନାରେ ଭାଗ ନିଅନ୍ତି । କୌଣସି ବିଭାଗରେ ସେମିନାର ହେଲେ ପ୍ରାୟ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ବିଭାଗର ଅଧ୍ୟାପକମାନେ ଯୋଗଦେଇ ବିଶେଷ ଉପକୃତ ହୋଇଥାନ୍ତି । ଏବେ ସେଇ ପରମ୍ପରା କେତେ ପରିମାଣରେ ଅଛି ମୁଁ ଜାଣେନା । ତଥାପି ମୋର ଦୃଢ଼ ବିଶ୍ୱାସ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ଯେତେ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଅଛି ସେମାନଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ସବୁଠାରୁ ପୁରାତନ । ଏହା ଏକ ସ୍ୱୟଂଶାସିତ ଶିକ୍ଷାନୁଷ୍ଠାନ । ଏହି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରୁ କେତେ ଆଇ.ଏସ୍., ଆଇ.ଏଫ୍.ଏସ୍., ଆଇ.ଇ.ଏସ୍, ଆଇ.ପି.ଏସ୍, କେତେ ବୈଜ୍ଞାନିକ, ଇଂଜିନୟର ,ଡାକ୍ତର, କେତେ ରାଜନେତା ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ, କେତେ ବ୍ୟାଙ୍କ ଅଫିସର କେତେ କେତେ ସାହିତ୍ୟିକ ବାହାରିଛନ୍ତି । ସାମଗ୍ରିକ ଭାବରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ଗୌରବଧ୍ୱଜା ଉଡ଼ାଇଛନ୍ତି । ମୋର ଈଶ୍ୱରଙ୍କ ନିକଟରେ ପ୍ରାର୍ଥନା ଏ ବିଶ୍ୱ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଗୌରବ ଅକ୍ଷୁଣ୍ଣ ରହୁ, ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କ ଭିତରେ ସଂହତି ରହୁ ଓ ଏଇ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟକୁ ଏକ ଆଦର୍ଶ ପରିବାର ରୂପେ ଗଠନ କରିବାକୁ ଉଦ୍ୟମ କରନ୍ତୁ । ସର୍ବୋପରି ଏହା ହେଉ ସ୍ୱାମୀ ବିବେକାନନ୍ଦଙ୍କ ଭାଷାରେ ମାନବ-ନିର୍ମାଣ, ଜୀବନ-ଗଠନ ଓ ଚରିତ୍ର ନିର୍ମାଣର ଭବ୍ୟ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ।



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ତୁମକୁ କୋଟି ପ୍ରଣାମ ହେ ବାଣୀବିହାର,

ତୁମ ପରିସରରେ ଦୀର୍ଘଦିନ କାଟିଥିବା ଏହି ଧୂଳିକଣାଟି ତୁମ ପଥର ଧୂଳି ମଥାରେ ବୋଳି ଏ ପତ୍ର ଲେଖୁଛି । ଜାଣେନା, ଆଜି ଏ ପତ୍ର ତୁମ ନିକଟରେ ପହଞ୍ଚିବ କି ନାହିଁ । ଏତେ ସଫଳ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିତ୍ୱମାନଙ୍କ ଉପସ୍ଥିତିରେ ଗର୍ବିତ ତୁମେ ଏ ଚିଠି ପଢ଼ିବାକୁ ସମୟ କରିପାରିବ କି ନାହିଁ । ତେବେ ଲେଖିବି ବୋଲି ମନସ୍ଥିର କରିଛି । ଟିକେ ମୋର ସ୍ମୃତି ଉପରୁ ଧୂଳି ଝଡ଼ି ଦିଅନ୍ତ ନି ତୁମ ସମର୍ଥ ହାତରେ !

୧୯୭୩ ରୁ ୭୫, ପୁଣି ୧୯୮୭ ରୁ ୨୦୧୩ ଦୁଇଟି ପର୍ଯ୍ୟାୟରେ ମୁଁ ତୁମକୁ ଭେଟିଛି । ୧୯୭୩ରେ ଦୁଇଟି ଶିଶୁ ସନ୍ତାନଙ୍କୁ ଛାଡ଼ି ମୁଁ ତୁମ ପାଖକୁ ଆସିଥିଲି । ସେ ବର୍ଷ କେମିତି କେଜାଣି ମୁଁ ବି.ଏ ଅନର୍ସ ପରୀକ୍ଷାରେ ପ୍ରଥମ ଶ୍ରେଣୀରେ ପ୍ରଥମ ହୋଇଥିଲି । ପରେ ଅବଶ୍ୟ ଭାବିଛି ତୁମେ ମୋତେ ଲୁହାକୁ ଚୁମ୍ବକ ଟାଣିଲା ଭଳି ନିଜ ପାଖକୁ ଟାଣି ନେଇଥିଲ । ମୋର ଅନେକ ପାରିବାରିକ ଦାୟ ଥିଲା, ମାତ୍ର ମୁଁ ଯଥାସମ୍ଭବ ପରିବେଶର ଯୋଗ୍ୟ ହେବାକୁ ଚେଷ୍ଟା କରିଥିଲି । ହଁ, ମୋର ଶୁଭଚିନ୍ତକମାନେ କହିଥିଲେ "ସେଠି ମୁହଁ ଖୋଲିବୁନି, ସାବଧାନ,'' ହେଲେ ସେ କଥା ଆଉ ରହିଲା କେଉଁଠ ? ପୁନର୍ବାର ୧୯୮୬ ରେ ନଅବର୍ଷର ସରକାରୀ ଚାକିରି ଅଭିଜ୍ଞତା ନେଇ ମୁଁ ତୁମ ପରିବାରର ସ୍ଥାୟୀ ସଦସ୍ୟ ହୋଇଗଲି । ତୁମେ ଜାଣିଛ ସେତେବେଳେ ମୁଁ ପ୍ରତିଦିନ କଠିନ ପରୀକ୍ଷା ଦେଉଥିଲି । ମୋ ବାପାଙ୍କ ଅସୁସ୍ଥତା ମୋତେ ଭାଙ୍ଗି ଦେଉଥିଲାବେଳେ ତୁମ ହାତ ଆଉଁଷା ମୋ ମନରେ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟୟ ଦେଉଥିଲା ।

ହଁ ସ୍ୱାଭାବିକ ଭାବରେ ମୁଁ ରିଡର ଓ ପ୍ରଫେସର ହେଲି, ପଢ଼ାଲେଖା ସଭାସମିତି, ପୁସ୍ତକ ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତି, ରିଫ୍ରେସର କ୍ଲାସ, ସେମିନାର, ଏମ୍ ଫିଲ୍ ଓ ପିଏଚ. ଡି ନିବନ୍ଧର ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶକ ଏସବୁ ଭିତରେ ତୁମେ ପାଲଟିଗଲ ମୋର ପରିଚିତ, ଗୋଟେ ସାଧାରଣ ଝିଅ ଏଇ ପରିଚୟର ମୁକୁଟ ପିନ୍ଧି ଉଜ୍ଜ୍ୱଳ ଦିଶିଲା । ଅନେକ ମୋତେ ସଂଭ୍ରମରେ କଥା କହିଲେ । ବିଭାଗରେ ଅନେକ ଅଶ୍ୱସ୍ତି ଥିଲା କିନ୍ତୁ ତୁମ ପରିବେଶ, କୃଷ୍ଣଚୂଡ଼ା ଗଛ, ଆଠକାଳୀ ବାରମାସୀ କୋଇଲିର ଗୀତ, ନୂଆ ପୁରୁଣା ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କ କଳରୋଳ ଏସବୁ ଏତେ ପ୍ରାଣମୟ ଥିଲା ଯେ ମୋର ସବୁ ଅଭାବ, ମହଭାବରେ ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତିତ ହୋଇଯାଉଥିଲା,

ହଁ ବାଣୀବିହାର, ପଢ଼ିଲାବେଳେ କେବେ ବି ପିକ୍‌ନିକ୍ ଯାଇ ପାରିନଥିଲି । କିନ୍ତୁ ତୁମ ପରିବାରର ସଦସ୍ୟ ହୋଇ ସବୁ ପିକ୍‌ନିକ୍ ଯାଇଛି । ଷ୍ଟଡିଟୁର୍ ବି ଥରେ ଯାଇଛି, ପିଲାଏ ପାଲଟିଛନ୍ତି ମୋର ଅଭିଭାବକ, ବାର୍ଷିକ ଉତ୍ସବ କଥା ବିଶେଷ କରି ନାଟକ ଅଭିନୟର ଦିନ ସବୁ ଇଚ୍ଛାକଲେ ବି ଭୁଲି ହେଉନାହିଁ । ଆମେ ପଢ଼ିବା ବେଳେ ଜ୍ଞାନପୀଠ ବିଜେତା ପ୍ରଣମ୍ୟ ଗୋପୀନାଥ ମହାନ୍ତିଙ୍କୁ ଅଡିଟୋରିୟମ୍‌ରେ ସମ୍ବର୍ଦ୍ଧନା ଦେଇଥିଲୁ । ମନେଅଛି ପ୍ର. ଗୌର କିଶୋର ଦାସ କୁଳପତି ଥିବାବେଳେ ତିନିଦିନ ଧରି ଚାଲିଥିବା ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶନୀ କଥା, ଯେଉଁଥିରେ ପିଲାଙ୍କ ଗପ, କବିତା, ପୁସ୍ତକ, ଡାକଟିକେଟ୍ ସଂଗ୍ରହ, ଚିତ୍ର ଭଳି ଅନେକ ସଂଗ୍ରହ ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶିତ ହୋଇଥିଲା ।

ମନେଅଛି ତୁମ ପରିସରରେ ଥିବା କୁଞ୍ଜରେ ବିଷୁବମିଳନ ଓ ଓଡ଼ିଶୀ ସଂଗୀତର ଅନୁପମ ସନ୍ଧ୍ୟା, ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱରର ସବୁ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳର ପିଲାମାନେ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଲେଖିବା ପଢ଼ିବାକୁ ନେଇ ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ ପ୍ଲାକାର୍ଡ ଧରି ଅଡ଼ିଟୋରିୟମରେ ଏକାଠି ହେବା ଓ 'ତୁ ପରା ବୋଲାଉ ଉତ୍କଳ ସନ୍ତାନ' ଗାନ କଥା ମନେଅଛି ।

ହଁ ବାଣୀବିହାର, ତୁମକୁ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରରେ ଧରି ଦୀର୍ଘ କାଳ ପୂରିଛି ମୁଁ । କେବେ ଦେଖିଛି ପିଲାମାନଙ୍କ କୃତିତ୍ୱରୁ ତୁମର ହସ ହସ ମୁହଁ, ମନେ ଅଛି ଯେଉଁଦିନ ବସ୍‌ପୋଡ଼ି ହେଲା ସେଦିନ ତୁମ ମୁହଁ କେମିତି ଥମ୍ ଥମ୍ ଦିଶୁଥିଲା । ପିଲାଏ ଷ୍ଟ୍ରାଇକ୍ କଲେ, ଘେରାଉ କଲେ, ତୁମେ କେମିତି କିଂକର୍ତ୍ତବ୍ୟବିମୂଢ଼ ହୋଇଯାଅ , ମୁଁ ଦେଖିଛି । ମନେ ଅଛି ମହାରଣା କଥା । ତୁମର ଉଜୁଡ଼ା ପରିବେଶ କେମିତି ତୁମ ସନ୍ତାନମାନଙ୍କ ହାତ ବାଜି କେଇଟା ଦିନରେ ପୁଣି ହସିଉଠିଲା । କେତେ କଥା ମନେ ପଡୁଛି । ଏତିକି ଲେଖିବାର ସୁଯୋଗ ଦେଇଥିବା ଆୟୋଜକମାନଙ୍କ ନିକଟରେ ମୁଁ କୃତଜ୍ଞ । ତୁମ ପାଖରେ ମୁଁ ଚିରକାଳ ନତମସ୍ତକ । ବାଣୀବିହାର, ତୁମ ପରିସରରେ ପଚିଶି ବର୍ଷ ତଳେ ଜନ୍ମ ନେଇଥିବା "ତାଳ ପଦେଶ୍ୱରୀ ସାହିତ୍ୟ ଆସର' ବଂଚିଛି ବଢ଼ିଛି ଆଉ

ମୋତେ ଆଜି ଯାଏ ଲୋଡୁଛି, ଏ କ'ଣ କମ୍ ସୌଭାଗ୍ୟ ମୋ ପାଇଁ ? ସର୍ଜନଶୀଳ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀମାନେ ତୁମ ହୃଦୟରେ ଆହ୍ଲାଦସୃଷ୍ଟି କରୁଛନ୍ତି ଓ ମୋତେ ଚଳଚଞ୍ଚଳ କରି ରଖିଛନ୍ତି । ସେହିମାନଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ମୋର ଶୁଭ କାମନା ।

ତୁମର ଭବ୍ୟରୂପ ପରିକଳ୍ପନା କରିଥିବା ବିନ୍ଧାଣୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ମୁଁ ଆଭୂମ ପ୍ରଣତି ଜଣାଉଛି । ତୁମର ମାନ ବଢ଼ାଇଥିବା ପ୍ରଣମ୍ୟ ଗୁରୁ ଗୁରୁଜନମାନଙ୍କୁ ମୋର ପ୍ରଣାମ । ଆଫିସିକ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ସମ୍ଭାଳି ତୁମର ପରିସରକୁ ଶୃଙ୍ଖଳିତ କରି ରଖିଥିବା ସମସ୍ତ ସହାୟକ କର୍ମଚାରୀମାନଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ମୋର ସଦିଚ୍ଛା । ଓଡ଼ିଶାରେ ଉଚ୍ଚଶିକ୍ଷାର ପ୍ରଥମ ଆଲୋକ ବିତରିଥିବା ହେ ବାଣୀବିହାର, ତୁମ ଫାଟକ ସମ୍ମୁଖରେ ଅଧିଷ୍ଠିତା ମା' ବାଗ୍‌ଦେବୀଙ୍କ ଚିନ୍ମୟୀ ମୂର୍ତ୍ତିକୁ ମୁଁ ପ୍ରଣାମ କରେ ଆଉ ଏତିକି ମାଗେ, ମୋତେ କ୍ଷୁଦ୍ରତାରୁ, ଏକ ଦେଶଦର୍ଶିତାରୁ ସେ ମୁକ୍ତ କରନ୍ତୁ ଓ ଚିରକାଳ ବିଦ୍ୟାର୍ଥୀ ହୋଇ ରହିବାର ମନ ଦିଅନ୍ତୁ ।

ଏବେ ମୋ ବିଭାଗ, ଅର୍ଥାତ୍ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗର ସମସ୍ତ ଗୁରୁଜନଙ୍କୁ ମୁଁ ଭକ୍ତି ନିବେଦନ କରୁଛି । ମାନନୀୟ ପ୍ରଫେସର ବଂଶୀଧର ମହାନ୍ତି, ପ୍ରଫେସର କୃଷ୍ଣଚରଣ ସାହୁ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ବାସୁଦେବ ସାହୁ, ଡକ୍ଟର ଫକୀର ମୋହନ ଦାସ ଏବେ ଦିବଙ୍ଗତ । ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ଶ୍ରେଣୀ କକ୍ଷରେ ଭେଟିଛୁ । ପ୍ରଫେସର ନିତ୍ୟାନନ୍ଦ ଶତପଥୀଙ୍କୁ ଏବେ ଯେଉଁଠି ଭେଟୁଛି, ସେ ସ୍ଥାନ ମୋ ପାଇଁ ଶ୍ରେଣୀକକ୍ଷ ପାଲଟିଯାଉଛି । ତାଙ୍କୁ ମୋର ଶିରଲଟା ପ୍ରଣାମ । ହଁ ପ୍ରଫେସର ବୈଷ୍ଣବ ଚରଣ ସାମଲ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ନିତ୍ୟାନନ୍ଦ ନାୟକ, ଡକ୍ଟର ସ୍ନେହଲତା ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ଗିରିବାଳା ମହାନ୍ତି ମୋର ଗୁରୁ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ । ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ମୁଁ ସମ୍ମାନର ସହିତ ସ୍ମରଣ କରୁଛି । ପ୍ରଫେସର ସୁରେନ୍ଦ୍ର ନାଥ ଦାଶ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ବିଜୟ କୁମାର ଶତପଥୀ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ନାରାୟଣ ସାହୁ, ମୋର ବନ୍ଧୁ ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧେୟା ବିଷ୍ଣୁପ୍ରିୟାଙ୍କୁ ମୋର ଅଶେଷ ଶୁଭକାମନା । ସମସ୍ତେ ନିଜ ନିଜ ପଢ଼ାଶୁଣାରେ ଦକ୍ଷ ଆଉ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ମୋ ବିଭାଗରେ ଯେଉଁମାନେ ଶିକ୍ଷାଦାନରେ ବ୍ରତୀ ମୁଁ ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କର ଉଜ୍ଜ୍ୱଳ ଭବିଷ୍ୟତ ପାଇଁ ମା ସରସ୍ୱତୀଙ୍କୁ ପ୍ରାର୍ଥନା କରୁଛି । ମୋ ବିଭାଗ କହୁଛି ବୋଲି ତୁମେ ରାଗୁନ ତ ? ଏ ବୟସରେ ଅଭ୍ୟାସ ବଦଳୁନି ପରା ।

ମୁଁ ଜାଣିଛି, ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ବୟସ୍କ ହେଲେ ତା'ର କର୍ମପ୍ରବଣତା ବହୁମୁଖୀ ହୁଏ । ପରିସର ଓ ଗଭୀରତା ଉଭୟ ବଢ଼େ । ହେ ମୋର ପରମ କରୁଣାମୟ ଶିକ୍ଷାନୁଷ୍ଠାନ, ତୁମ କରୁଣା ଊଣା କରିବନି । ଏ ଜନ୍ମରେ ମୁଁ ଯେମିତି ତୁମକୁ ନେଇ ଗର୍ବ କରିବାର ନିରନ୍ତର ସୌଭାଗ୍ୟ ପାଏ । ମୋର ସବୁ ବିଫଳତା ତୁମ ପାଦତଳେ ରଖି ପ୍ରଣାମ କରୁଛି ତୁମକୁ ନମସ୍କାର ବାରମ୍ବାର ।

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ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ମୋର ଆଉ ଏକ ମା' । ସେ ଜ୍ଞାନ ଦେଇଛି । ମୋ ଭିତରେ ଲୁଚି ରହିଥିବା ଗୁଣକୁ ସଂସ୍କାରିତ କରି ପ୍ରକଟିତ କରିବାରେ ସାହାଯ୍ୟ କରିଛି । ମୋ ଜୀବନକୁ ସାର୍ଥକ କରିଛି । ଆଜି ମୁଁ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା ଓ ସାହିତ୍ୟର ଜଣେ ସୁଯୋଗ୍ୟ ଛାତ୍ରଭାବେ ନିଜକୁ ଗର୍ବ ଅନୁଭବ କରିପାରୁଛି ।

୧୯୯୮-୨୦୦୦ ଏଇ ଦୁଇ ବର୍ଷ ମୁଁ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା ଓ ସାହିତ୍ୟ ବିଭାଗର ଛାତ୍ରଭାବେ ପାଠ ପଢ଼ିଥିଲି । ଆମ ସମୟରେ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଶିକ୍ଷକ ଜଣେଜଣେ ଭଲ ମଣିଷ ଓ ତା'ପରେ ଭଲ ଶିକ୍ଷକ । ସେମାନଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରୁ ପ୍ରଫେସର ବାସୁଦେବ ସାହୁ ଓ ପ୍ରଫେସର ଆଶୁତୋଷ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ ଗତାୟୁ । ଆଉ ସମସ୍ତେ ଜୀବିତ ଓ ସକ୍ରିୟ । ସେମାନେ ଆମକୁ ଦେଖିଲେ ସ୍ନେହ କରନ୍ତି ଓ ଆମେ ମଧ୍ୟ ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ଦେଖିଲେ ମଥା ଆପେଆପେ ନଇଁ ଯାଏ । ମନେପଡ଼େ ସେମାନଙ୍କର ପାଠପଢ଼ା, ତାଗିଦା ଓ ଭଲ ପାଠପଢ଼ିବାପାଇଁ ପରାମର୍ଶ । ସେଇ ସମୟର ପାଠପଢ଼ା ଆମ ଜୀବନ ତିଆରି କରିଛି । ସେଥିପାଇଁ ମୁଁ ସେମାନଙ୍କ ପାଖରେ ତଥା ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପାଖରେ ଚିରଋଣୀ ।

ଆମ ସମୟର ସାଙ୍ଗମାନେ ଏବେ ମୋତେ ଦେଖିଲେ ବହୁତ ଭଲପାଆନ୍ତି । ମୁଁ ମଧ୍ୟ ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ଦେଖିଲେ ବଡ଼ ଆଦର କରେ । ମନେପଡ଼େ ତାଳପଦେଶ୍ୱରୀ କବିତା ଆସର କଥା ପୁଣି ମନେପଡ଼େ ଆମ ସେମିନାର କଥା । ଆମେ ସଚ୍ଚିରାଉତରାୟଙ୍କୁ ଦେଖିଛୁ ଓ ଶୁଣିଛୁ । ପୁଣି ଦେଖିଛୁ, ଶୁଣିଛୁ ଓ ପ୍ରଶ୍ନ ପଚାରିଛୁ ନାଟ୍ୟକାର ମନୋରଞ୍ଜନ ଦାସଙ୍କୁ ଏବଂ ଅନେକ ବିଖ୍ୟାତ ସାହିତ୍ୟିକଙ୍କ ସଂସ୍ପର୍ଶରେ ଆସିବାର ସୁଯୋଗ ଲଭିଛୁ । ସେମାନଙ୍କର ଅଭିଭାଷଣ ଆମକୁ ନୂଆ ବାଟ ଦେଖାଇଥିଲା ଆଉ ସେଇ ବାଟରେ ବାଟୋଇ ହେବାପାଇଁ ଆମେ ପ୍ରୟାସ କରୁଥିଲୁ ।

ଆମେ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସହିତ ସଂସ୍କୃତ ଓ ପାଲି ପଢ଼ିଛୁ । ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷାର ସ୍ୱରୂପ ଓ ଗୁଣ ପାଲି ଓ ପ୍ରାକୃତ ଭାଷାରେ ରହିଛି । ସେମାନଙ୍କ ସଂସର୍ଗରେ ଆସି ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା ନିଶ୍ଚୟ ସମୃଦ୍ଧ ହୋଇଛିବୋଲି ବୁଝିନେଇଛୁ । ମୋ ଜାଣତରେ ଆଜି ଓଡ଼ିଆ ପାଠ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ "ପାଲିଧମ୍ମପଦ" ନାହିଁ କି ସଂସ୍କୃତର କୌଣସି ବିଷୟ ଥିବାର ସୂଚନା ନାହିଁ । ଏଇ ଭିତରେ ଅନେକ ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତନ ଘଟିଛି । କିଛି ଅଭିଜ୍ଞତା ନ ଥାଇ ନୂଆ ପାଠର ପ୍ରବେଶ ଘଟିଛି । ଏସବୁ ଦେଖିଲେ ମନ ଦୁଃଖ ହୁଏ । ଭାବେ ଏସବୁର ସମାଧାନ କେବେ ହେବ ।

ଆମ "ପରିଜା ପାଠାଗାର" ଆମର ସଂପତ୍ତି । ଆମ "ପୋଥି ବିଭାଗ" ଆମ ପାରିମ୍ପରିକ ଜ୍ଞାନକୌଶଳର ରତ୍ନଭଣ୍ଡାର । ଆମ ପ୍ରାଚ୍ୟବିଦ୍ୟା : ବେଦ, ପୁରାଣ, କାବ୍ୟ, ନାଟକ, ଗଣିତ, ଧର୍ମଶାସ୍ତ୍ର, ଦର୍ଶନ, ଜ୍ୟୋତିଷ, ସଂଗୀତ, ତନ୍ତ୍ର, ବ୍ୟାକରଣ, ଅଭିଧାନ, ଅଳଙ୍କାର ଓ ଆୟୁର୍ବେଦବିଷୟକ ଅନେକ ପୋଥି ଆମ ପୋଥି ବିଭାଗରେ ସଂଗ୍ରହ ହୋଇ ରହିଛି । ଏଇସବୁ ବିଷୟରେ ଗବେଷଣା କଲେ ଓ ହେଲେ ଆମ ପାରମ୍ପରିକ ଜ୍ଞାନ କୌଶଳ ସଂପ୍ରସାରିତ ହୋଇପାରିବ ଓ ଆମେ ଆମ ଅସ୍ମିତାକୁ ବଜାୟ ରଖିପାରିବା ।

ଭାଷାକୁ ନେଇ ଗର୍ବକରିବା ଓ ଭାଷାକୁ ନେଇ ଭାବିବାର ସମୟ ଆସିଛି । ରୂପଶ୍ରୀ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ଲଭି ନିଜର ସ୍ୱାତନ୍ତ୍ର୍ୟ ପ୍ରତିପାଦନ କରିପାରିଛି । ଭାଷା-ସାହିତ୍ୟ ଓ ସଂସ୍କୃତି ପରସ୍ପର ପରିପୂରକ । ଭାଷା ଓ ସାହିତ୍ୟ ତତ୍ତ୍ୱ ଦୃଷ୍ଟିରୁ ଭିନ୍ନଭିନ୍ନ । ଭାଷାର ତର୍କମୂଳକ ଭାଷା ହେଉଛି ସାହିତ୍ୟ । ସଂସ୍କୃତି ହେଉଛି ଆଦର୍ଶ । ଭାଷା ଆଦର୍ଶ ପରିପ୍ରକାଶର ମାଧ୍ୟମ । ସାହିତ୍ୟ ହେଉଛି ଆଦର୍ଶର ବାହକ । ଅତଏବ ଭାଷା-ସାହିତ୍ୟର ସଂରକ୍ଷଣ, ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ ଓ ଅଧ୍ୟାପନା ସଂସାରର ସବୁଠାରୁ ମହତ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ । ଏଇ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟରେ ବା ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା-ସାହିତ୍ୟ-ସଂସ୍କୃତି ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ ଓ ସଂରକ୍ଷଣ ଦିଗରେ ନିଜକୁ ସାମିଲ କରିଥିବାରୁ ସ୍ୱଜନ୍ମ ଧନ୍ୟବୋଲି ଭାବୁଛି ।

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ଉତ୍କଳବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ଗର୍ବ ଓ ଗୌରବ । ବାଣୀ ଆରାଧନାର ପ୍ରକୃଷ୍ଟ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରଭାବରେ ଏହାର ସ୍ୱୀକୃତି ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର । ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟମାନଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଏହାର ସ୍ଥାନ ପ୍ରଥମ । ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷାଭାଷୀ ଲୋକମାନଙ୍କର ଆଶା ଓ ଆକାଂକ୍ଷାର ସଫଳ ରୂପାୟନ ପୂର୍ବକ ଶିକ୍ଷାକ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଏହି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ୧୯୪୩ ମସିହାର ନଭେମ୍ବର ମାସ ୨୭ ତାରିଖରେ ଆତ୍ମପ୍ରକାଶ କରିଥିଲା । ୧୯୩୬ ମସିହାରେ ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର ଉତ୍କଳ ପ୍ରଦେଶ ଗଠିତ ହେଲା । ସେତେବେଳକୁ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଭୂଖଣ୍ଡରେ କୌଣସି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ନଥିଲା । ରାଜ୍ୟର ସମସ୍ତ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ବିହାର ରାଜ୍ୟର ପାଟଣାବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଅଥବା ଆନ୍ଧ୍ରପ୍ରଦେଶର ଆନ୍ଧ୍ରବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଅଧୀନରେ ଥିଲା । ୧୯୩୮ ମସିହାରେ ମାର୍ଚ୍ଚ ମାସ ଦୁଇ ତାରିଖରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ତତ୍‌କାଳୀନ ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଶ୍ରୀଯୁକ୍ତ ବିଶ୍ୱନାଥ ଦାସ ଓଡ଼ିଶାରେ ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାର ଉଦ୍ୟମ ଆରମ୍ଭକଲେ । ପଣ୍ଡିତ ନୀଳକଣ୍ଠ ଦାସଙ୍କ ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷତାରେ ଏକ କମିଟି ଗଠିତ ହେଲା । ପରେପରେ ତତ୍‌କାଳୀନ ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ମହାରାଜାକୃଷ୍ଣଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ଗଜପତି ଏହି କମିଟିର ସୁପାରିଶକୁ ଚୂଡ଼ାନ୍ତ ରୂପଦେଲେ ଏବଂ ଶିକ୍ଷାମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ପଣ୍ଡିତ ଗୋଦାବରୀଶ ମିଶ୍ର ୧୯୪୩ ମସିହାରେ ଏହି ଚୂଡ଼ାନ୍ତ ସୁପାରିଶକୁ ବିଧାନସଭାରେ ପେଶ୍‌କଲେ ଓ ତାହା ସର୍ବସମ୍ମତିକ୍ରମେ ଗୃହୀତ ହୋଇଥିଲା । ପରେ ପରେ ଅଗଷ୍ଟ ଦୁଇ ତାରିଖରେ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ନିୟାମକ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକାରୀ ହେଲା ଏବଂ ସେହିବର୍ଷ ନଭେମ୍ବର ୨୭ ତାରିଖରେ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଅୟମାରମ୍ଭ ହେଲା । ଏହାର ନାମ ରଖାଗଲା 'ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ' ।

ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଶୁଭାରମ୍ଭ ହୋଇଥିଲା କଟକର ତତ୍‌କାଳୀନ ରେଭେନସା କଲେଜର ପ୍ରାଣୀବିଜ୍ଞାନ ବିଭାଗରେ । କ୍ରମେକ୍ରମେ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟଗୁଡ଼ିକ ଏହାର ଅଧୀନକୁ ଆସିଲା । ଉତ୍କଳର ବରପୁତ୍ର ବିଶିଷ୍ଟ ବୈଜ୍ଞାନିକ ଡକ୍ଟର ପ୍ରାଣକୃଷ୍ଣ ପରିଜା ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ପ୍ରଥମେ କୁଳପତିର ଆସନ ଅଳଂକୃତ କରିଥିଲେ । ସେତେବେଳେ କୁଳସଚିବ ପଦମଣ୍ଡନ କରିଥିଲେ ଭି.ଭି.ଜନ । ୧୯୫୬ ମସିହାରେ ଭୂତତ୍ତ୍ୱ ର ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ବିଭାଗ ଖୋଲାଯିବାପରେ ୧୯୫୭ ମସିହାରେ ଦର୍ଶନ ଓ ସଂସ୍କୃତ ବିଭାଗରେ ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ଶ୍ରେଣୀ ଆରମ୍ଭ ହେଲା । ୧୯୫୮ ମସିହାରେ ମନସ୍ତତ୍ତ୍ୱ, ପରିସଂଖ୍ୟାନ, ରାଜନୀତିବିଜ୍ଞାନ ଓ ନୃତତ୍ତ୍ୱ ପ୍ରଭୃତି ବିଷୟରେ ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ବିଭାଗମାନ ଆରମ୍ଭ ହେଲା । ୧୯୫୯ରେ ଇତିହାସ ବିଭାଗ, ୧୯୬୦ ରେ ପ୍ରାଣୀବିଜ୍ଞାନ ବିଭାଗ ଓ ୧୯୬୨ରେ ବାଣିଜ୍ୟ ବିଭାଗ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠିତ ହେଲା । ୧୯୬୩ ମସିହାରେ ଅର୍ଥନୀତିରେ ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ବିଭାଗ ଖୋଲାଗଲା ଯାହା ପରବର୍ତ୍ତୀକାଳରେ ବିଶ୍ଳେଷଣାତ୍ମକ ଓ ପ୍ରୟୋଗାତ୍ମକ ଅର୍ଥନୀତି ବିଭାଗ ରୂପେ ପରିଚିତ ହେଲା ।

ପରେ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ସ୍ଥାୟୀ ପରିସର ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱରରେ ଅବସ୍ଥାପିତ ହେବ ବୋଲି ଯୋଜନାକରାଗଲା । ପାଞ୍ଚନମ୍ବର ଜାତୀୟ ରାଜପଥ ପାର୍ଶ୍ୱରେ ପ୍ରାୟ ୪୦୦ ଏକର ପରିମିତ ଜମିରେ ଏହାର ଶିଳାନ୍ୟାସ ୧୯୫୮ ମସିହାର ଜାନୁୟାରୀ ମାସ ପହିଲାରେ କରାଗଲା । ଶିଳାନ୍ୟାସ କରିଥିଲେ ଭାରତର ତତ୍କାଳୀନ ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରପତି ଡକ୍ଟର ରାଜେନ୍ଦ୍ର ପ୍ରସାଦ । ୧୯୬୩ ମସିହାର ଜାନୁୟାରୀ ଦୁଇ ତାରିଖରେ ନୂତନ ପରିସରର ଉଦ୍‌ଘାଟନ ଉତ୍ସବ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ହୋଇଥିଲା । ଉଦ୍‌ଘାଟନ କରିଥିଲେ ଭାରତର ଦ୍ୱିତୀୟ ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରପତି ସର୍ବପଲ୍ଲୀ ରାଧାକ୍ରିଷ୍ଣନ । ପରିସରଟିର ନାମ ରଖାଗଲା 'ବାଣୀ ବିହାର', ବିଦ୍ୟାବିଳାସିନୀ ବୀଣାପାଣିଙ୍କର ବିମୁକ୍ତ ପ୍ରାଙ୍ଗଣ । ୧୯୬୬ ମସିହାରୁ ୧୯୬୯ ମସିହା ଭିତରେ ବାଣୀବିହାର ପରିସରରେ ଯେଉଁ ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ବିଭାଗ ଗୁଡ଼ିକ ସଂଯୁକ୍ତ ହେଲା ସେଗୁଡ଼ିକ ହେଉଛି ଗଣିତ, ପଦାର୍ଥବିଜ୍ଞାନ, ରସାୟନ ବିଜ୍ଞାନ, ଉଦ୍ଭିଦବିଜ୍ଞାନ, ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଏବଂ ଇଂରାଜୀ ବିଭାଗ । ୧୯୭୦ ମସିହାରେ ଯୁକ୍ତହେଲା ସମାଜ ବିଜ୍ଞାନ ଓ ଶ୍ରମ ମଙ୍ଗଳ ବିଭାଗ ଯାହାକି ୧୯୭୪ ମସିହାରେ ଦୁଇ ଗୋଟି ବିଭାଗରେ ପରିଣତ ହେଲା ଯଥା- ସମାଜବିଜ୍ଞାନ ବିଭାଗ, ଶ୍ରମମଙ୍ଗଳ ବିଭାଗ ।

୧୯୭୦ ମସିହାରେ ଆରମ୍ଭ ହେଲା ଭୂଗୋଳର ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ବିଭାଗ । ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ଆଇନ ବିଭାଗର ପ୍ରାରମ୍ଭ ଘଟିଲା ୧୯୭୩ ମସିହାରେ । ପୂର୍ବରୁ ରେଭେନ୍‌ସା କଲେଜରେ ଖୋଲାଯାଇଥିବା ଭୂତତ୍ତ୍ୱ ବିଭାଗ ୧୯୭୭ ମସିହାରେ ବାଣୀବିହାରକୁ ସ୍ଥାନାନ୍ତରିତ ହେଲା । ପରେ ପରେ ଗ୍ରନ୍ଥାଗାର ଓ ସୂଚନା ବିଜ୍ଞାନ ବିଭାଗ, ବ୍ୟବସାୟ ପ୍ରଶାସନ ବିଭାଗ, କମ୍ପ୍ୟୁଟର ବିଜ୍ଞାନ ବିଭାଗ ପ୍ରଭୃତି ବିଭାଗମାନ ବାଣୀବିହାରରେ ଖୋଲାଗଲା ।

ବାଣୀବିହାର ପରିସର ଭିତରେ ରହିଛି କେତେକ ଉନ୍ନତ ବିଜ୍ଞାନାଗାର, ପରିଜାପାଠାଗାର, ମହାରାଜାକୃଷ୍ଣଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ଗଜପତି



ସ୍ମୃତିରେ ସ୍ମୃତିରେ ମୋର ପ୍ରଜ୍ଞାପୀଠ ବାଣୀବିହାର

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କୌଣସି ଶିକ୍ଷାନୁଷ୍ଠାନ କେବଳ ମାତ୍ର ସୁଉଚ୍ଚ ଅଟ୍ଟାଳିକା, ସୁଦୃଶ୍ୟ କୋଠାବାଡ଼ି ନୁହେଁ କିମ୍ବା ଏହା ତା'ର ପ୍ରକୃତ ପରିଚୟ ବହନ କରେନାହିଁ । ଶିକ୍ଷାନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ହେଉଛି ଗୋପବନ୍ଧୁଙ୍କ ଭାଷାରେ 'ମଣିଷ ଗଢ଼ା କାରଖାନା' । ଏହି କାରଖାନା ବୈଷୟିକ ଆବଶ୍ୟକତା ପରିପୂରଣ କରୁଥିବା ଉତ୍ପାଦନ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ନୁହେଁ । ଗୋଟିଏ ଦେଶ ଓ ଜାତିର ବୌଦ୍ଧିକ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ରୂପେ ଭବିଷ୍ୟତ ଦେଶ ନିର୍ମାଣ ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟରେ ଏହା ତା'ର ଆଗାମୀ ପିଢ଼ିଙ୍କୁ ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ କରିଥାଏ । ଏହିମାନେ ହୋଇଥାନ୍ତି ଭବିଷ୍ୟତ ଦେଶ ନିର୍ମାଣର ଆର୍କିଟେକ୍ଟ ବା ସ୍ଥପତି । ସେହି ଦୃଷ୍ଟିରୁ ବିଶ୍ୱର ସମସ୍ତ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର (ଉଚ୍ଚମାନର ଶିକ୍ଷାନୁଷ୍ଠାନ) ଦେଶର ବୌଦ୍ଧିକ ଓ ସାମଗ୍ରିକ ବିକାଶ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଏକ ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ଭୂମିକା ରହିଛି । ବିଶ୍ୱର ବିଭିନ୍ନ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଯେଉଁ ନୂତନ ଉଦ୍ଭାବନ, ଆବିଷ୍କାର ଓ ପ୍ରଗତି ହୋଇଛି, ତା'ର କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ହୋଇଛି ଏହି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟଗୁଡ଼ିକ । ତେଣୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ କେବଳ ସାର୍ଟିଫିକେଟ୍ ବା ନିଦର୍ଶନ ପତ୍ର ବିତରଣ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ନୁହେଁ । ଦେଶର ରାଜନୀତି, ସାମାଜିକ ଓ ସାଂସ୍କୃତିକ ପ୍ରାଣକେନ୍ଦ୍ର ହେଉଛନ୍ତି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ । ଏହି ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନରୁ ଉତ୍ତୀର୍ଣ୍ଣ ବିଦ୍ୟାର୍ଥୀଗଣ ହିଁ ହୋଇଛନ୍ତି ଭବିଷ୍ୟତ ବିଶ୍ୱର କର୍ଣ୍ଣଧାର ।

ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ସବୁଠାରୁ ପ୍ରାଚୀନ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟଳୟ ହେଉଛି ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ । ଗତ ଶତକରେ ଏହାର ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ବୌଦ୍ଧିକ ଜଗତକୁ ବହୁଭାବରେ ପ୍ରଭାବିତ କରିଥିଲା । ଗୋଟିଏ ସମୟରେ ସମଗ୍ର ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ଏହା ଥିଲା ବୌଦ୍ଧିକ ପ୍ରାଣକେନ୍ଦ୍ର । ୧୯୬୭ ମସିହା ପୂର୍ବରୁ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଥିଲା ଏକମାତ୍ର ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ । ଏହାର ଗୌରବ ଜାତୀୟ ସ୍ତରରେ ମଧ୍ୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠିତ ହୋଇଥିଲା । କେନ୍ଦ୍ରାପଡ଼ା ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ ସମୟରେ ଆମ ସମସ୍ତ ବିଦ୍ୟାର୍ଥୀଙ୍କର ଏକମାତ୍ର ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟ ଥିଲା ଏହି ବୌଦ୍ଧିକ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରରେ ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ ନିମିତ୍ତ । ସୌଭାଗ୍ୟ କ୍ରମେ ୧୯୭୯ ମସିହାରେ ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗରେ ନାମ ଲେଖାଇବାର ସୁଯୋଗ ମିଳିଲା । ଏହା ପୂର୍ବରୁ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ସଂପର୍କରେ ବହୁ ଗୌରବର କାହାଣୀ ଶୁଣିଥିଲେ ହେଁ ଦେଖିବା ସୌଭାଗ୍ୟ ପ୍ରାପ୍ତ ହୋଇ ନ ଥିଲା । ଯେଉଁ ଦିନ ଏହି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ପବିତ୍ର ମାଟିରେ ପାଦଥାପିଲି, ସେଦିନ ତାହା ମୋ ପାଇଁ କମ୍ ରୋମାଞ୍ଚକର ନଥିଲା । ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ, ବାଣୀବିହାର ମୋ ପାଇଁ ହିଁ ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରିଛି ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର ପରିଚୟ । ତେବେ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପରିସରରେ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ହେବାର କାହାଣୀ ମଧ୍ୟ କମ୍ କୌତୁକପ୍ରଦନୁହେଁ । ୧୯୬୭ ମସିହାରେ ଭାରତର ତତ୍କାଳୀନ ମହାମହିମ ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରପତି ଜାକିର ହୁସେନ୍ ବାଣୀବିହାର ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ସମାରୋହରେ ଉଦ୍‌ଘାଟକ ରୂପେ ଯୋଗ ଦେବାକୁ ଆସିଥିଲେ । ସେତେବେଳେ କୁଳପତି ଥାନ୍ତି ପ୍ରଫେସର ସଦାଶିବ ମିଶ୍ର । ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ବିଭାଗ ଥିଲେ ମଧ୍ୟ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗ ଖୋଲାଯାଇ ନଥିଲା । ମହା ମହିମ ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରପତି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ କେଉଁ କେଉଁ ବିଭାଗ ରହିଛି ଅବଗତ ହୋଇଥିଲେ ଏବଂ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗ ନ ଥିବାରୁ କ୍ଷୋଭ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରି କହିଥିଲେ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ମାଟିରେ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ରହିଛି, ନାମ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଅଥଚ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା-ସାହିତ୍ୟ ବିଭାଗ ନାହିଁ !! ତତ୍ ପରବର୍ଷ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗ ଖୋଲିଥିଲା ଏବଂ ତାହା ଥିଲା ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା ଓ ସାହିତ୍ୟ ନିମିତ୍ତ ଏକ ଗୌରବର ବର୍ଷ । ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗ ଖୋଲାଯିବାଠାରୁ ଏ ଯାବତ୍ ଏହି ବିଭାଗ ବିଭିନ୍ନ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ସୁନାମ ଅର୍ଜନ ପୂର୍ବକ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଗୌରବ ବୃଦ୍ଧିକରି ଆସିଛି ।

୧୯୭୯-୮୧, ଏହି ଦୁଇବର୍ଷ ମୁଁ ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗର ଛାତ୍ର ଥିଲି ଏବଂ ପରବର୍ତ୍ତୀ ସମୟରେ ଏହି ବିଭାଗରୁ ଏମ୍.ଫିଲ୍, ପିଏଚ୍.ଡି ଓ ଡି.ଲିଟ୍ ପ୍ରାପ୍ତ ହୋଇଛି । ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ସ୍ତରରେ ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ ସମୟରେ ସେତେବେଳେ ଦୁଇଜଣ କୁଳପତିଙ୍କ ସଂସ୍ପର୍ଶରେ ଆସିବାର ସୁଯୋଗ ପାଇଥିଲି । ସେ ଦୁଇଜଣ ହେଉଛନ୍ତି ଯଥାକ୍ରମେ ବିଦ୍ୟାଧର ମିଶ୍ର ଏବଂ ମହେନ୍ଦ୍ର ରାଉତ୍ । ପ୍ରଫେସର ବିଦ୍ୟାଧର ମିଶ୍ର ଥିଲେ ଜଣେ ଆନ୍ତର୍ଜାତିକ ଖ୍ୟାତି ସଂପନ୍ନ ଅର୍ଥନୀତି ବିଶାରଦଓ ପ୍ରଫେସର



ପ୍ରେକ୍ଷାଳୟ, ବ୍ୟାୟାମଶାଳା, ସୁବିସ୍ତୃତ ଖେଳପଡ଼ିଆ, କେତେଗୋଟି ଛାତ୍ରାବାସ ଓ ଛାତ୍ରୀନିବାସ, ଚିକିତ୍ସାଳୟ, ପୋଷ୍ଟଅଫିସ, ସିଣ୍ଡିକେଟ୍ ବ୍ୟାଙ୍କ ଓ ଷ୍ଟେଟବ୍ୟାଙ୍କ । ମୁଖ୍ୟ ପ୍ରବେଶଦ୍ୱାରରେ ଦେବୀ ସରସ୍ୱତୀଙ୍କର ମୂର୍ତ୍ତି ଅବସ୍ଥାପିତ ହୋଇ 'ବାଣୀବିହାର' ନାମର ଯଥାର୍ଥତା ପ୍ରତିପାଦନ କରୁଛନ୍ତି । ପ୍ରବେଶଦ୍ୱାରର ଦୁଇପାର୍ଶ୍ୱରେ ଦୁଇଜଣ ସାହିତ୍ୟରଥୀ ଅର୍ଥାତ ବ୍ୟାସକବି ଫକୀର ମୋହନ ଓ କବି ସମ୍ରାଟ ଉପେନ୍ଦ୍ରଭଞ୍ଜଙ୍କର ପ୍ରତିମୂର୍ତ୍ତି ବିରାଜିତ ହୋଇ ବିଦ୍ୟାନୁଷ୍ଠାନର ମହତ୍ତ୍ୱକୁ ବହୁଗୁଣିତ କରୁଛନ୍ତି ।

ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଚିହ୍ନଟ ପାଇଁ ଯେଉଁ ପ୍ରତୀକଟି ବ୍ୟବହୃତ ହେଉଛି ତହିଁରେ ରହିଛି ବାଣିଜ୍ୟ ବ୍ୟବସାୟର ସ୍ମୃତି ଚିହ୍ନ, ପର୍ବତର ଛବି ଯାହା ଆମ ଖଣିଜ ସମ୍ପଦର ସ୍ମାରକ, ପର୍ବତ ଉପରେ ରହିଛି ଦୁର୍ଗ ଯାହା ଆମ ଅତୀତର ସାମରିକ ସାମର୍ଥ୍ୟର ଚିହ୍ନ, ରହିଛି ପୁଣି ପୋଥି ଓ ଦୀପର ଚିତ୍ର ଯାହା ଶିକ୍ଷା ଓ ଆଲୋକର ଉତ୍ସ ।

୧୯୭୫ ମସିହାରେ ଉତ୍କଳବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗରେ ମୋର ଏମ୍.ଏ. ଶ୍ରେଣୀରେ ନାମଲେଖାହେଲା । ସେ ଦିନର ଆନନ୍ଦ କହିଲେ ନସରେ । ଏମ୍.ଏ. ପଢ଼ିବା ପୁଣି ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ, କେତେ ଗୌରବର କଥା, ସତେଅବା କଢ଼ିଧରିଥିବା ସ୍ୱପ୍ନମାନେ ସେଦିନ ଫୁଲହୋଇ ଫୁଟିଗଲେ । ସେ ଫୁଲର ବାସ୍ନା କେତେ ମଧୁର, ମନକୁ ବିଭୋର କଲାଭଳି, ତା'ର ତୁଳନା ନାହିଁ ।

ପାଠପଢ଼ା ଆରମ୍ଭ ହେଲା, ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀ ସଂଖ୍ୟା ବତିଶ (୩୨) । ଛୋଟ ବଖରାଟିଏ ସେତେବେଳେ ସମାଜ ବିଜ୍ଞାନ ପାଖରେ ମିଳିଥିଲା । ସାର୍‌ମାନଙ୍କ ସହିତ ଚିହ୍ନାହେଲା, ପରିଚିତି ବଢ଼ିଲା । ସେମାନଙ୍କ ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା ଓ ଆଦରରେ ମନ ବନ୍ଧାପଡ଼ିଗଲା, ପାଠପଢ଼ା ଭଲଲାଗିଲା । ବିଭାଗରେ ଥିଲେ ପ୍ରଫେସର ଡକ୍ଟର ବଂଶୀଧର ମହାନ୍ତି, ପ୍ରଫେସର କୃଷ୍ଣଚରଣ ସାହୁ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ବାସୁଦେବସାହୁ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ନିତ୍ୟାନନ୍ଦ ଶତପଥୀ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ଆଶୁତୋଷ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ, ଡଃ ଫକୀର ମୋହନ ଦାସ । ସେମାନଙ୍କ ପାଠ ପଢ଼ାରେ ମନ ମୁଗ୍ଧ ହେଉଥିଲା ।

ଶେଷବର୍ଷ ପରୀକ୍ଷା ସରିଲା, ଛୁଟି ହେଲା, କିଏ କେମିତି ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱରରେ ରହିଲେ ଅନ୍ୟମାନେ ନିଜ ନିଜ ଘରକୁ ଗଲେ । ଆମର ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱରରେ ଘରଥିଲେ ମଧ୍ୟ ମୁଁ ଗ୍ରାମକୁ ଯାଇ କିଛି ଦିନ ରହିଲି, ସେ ଭିତରେ ପରୀକ୍ଷା ଫଳ ବାହାରିଲା । ଫଳ ବାହାରିବାର ୧/୨ ଦିନପରେ ମୋର ଉପର ଶ୍ରେଣୀର ଜଣେ ଭାଇ ଆସି ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର ଘରେ ଖବର ଦେଲେ ଯେ ମୁଁ ପ୍ରଥମ ଶ୍ରେଣୀରେ ପ୍ରଥମସ୍ଥାନ ଅଧିକାର କରିଛି । ଉତ୍କଳବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ସ୍ୱର୍ଣ୍ଣପଦକ ସହିତ ଭକ୍ତ କବି ମଧୁସୂଦନରାଓ ସ୍ୱର୍ଣ୍ଣ ପଦକ ପାଇବାର ଗୌରବ ଅର୍ଜନ କରିଛି । ସେତେବେଳେ ଗାଁଗହଳକୁ ଫୋନର ସୁବିଧା ନଥିଲା । ଆମ ଘରୁ ଜଣେ ଯାଇ ମତେ ଗାଁରୁ ଡାକି ଆଣିଲେ, ମୋର ଆଦୌ ବିଶ୍ୱାସ ହେଉନଥିଲା । ବାସୁସାରଙ୍କୁ ଯାଇ ପଚାରିଲି, ସେ ମତେ ଏକଥା ସତ୍ୟ ବୋଲି କହିବାରୁ ମୁଁ ନିଶ୍ଚିତ ହେଲି । ମୋର ବୋଉ ଶ୍ରୀମତୀ ମନୋରମାଦେବୀ ଓ ମୋର ବଡ଼ ଭାଇ ଶ୍ରୀ ସଚ୍ଚିଦାନନ୍ଦ ରଥ ବହୁତ ଖୁସିହେଲେ କାରଣ ତାଙ୍କର ଆଗ୍ରହ ଓ ଆଶୀର୍ବାଦମୋ ଏମ୍.ଏ. ପଢ଼ାର ପାଥେୟ ଥିଲା । ସେଦିନର ହଷ୍ଟେଲ ଜୀବନର କଥା । ଆମ ସହିତ ଅନ୍ୟ ବିଭାଗର ପିଲାମାନଙ୍କ ବନ୍ଧୁତା ବେଶ୍ ସୁଦୃଢ଼ ଥିଲା । ସେତେବେଳେ ପରିବେଶ ଭିନ୍ନଥିଲା, ହସ ଖୁସି ଥଟ୍ଟା ମଜାଥିଲା ପ୍ରାୟତଃ ପାରସ୍ପରିକଭାବ ବିନିମୟର ମଧୁର ମାଧ୍ୟମ । ଏପରି ଅନ୍ତରଙ୍ଗତା ବଢ଼ିଥିଲା ଯେ ପରୀକ୍ଷା ପରେ ହଷ୍ଟେଲ ଛାଡ଼ିଲା ବେଳେ କେତେ ସାଙ୍ଗଙ୍କର ଆଖି ପରସ୍ପର ପ୍ରତି ଛଳ ଛଳ ହୋଇଯାଇଥିଲା ।

ଏମ୍.ଏ. ପାଶ ପରେ ପରେ ଅଧ୍ୟାପକ ଚାକିରୀ ପ୍ରାୟ ଏକ ମାସ ଭିତରେ ଆଡହକରେ ମିଳିଗଲା । ପାଠପଢ଼ାଇବାର କି ଆନନ୍ଦ, ଭାଷାରେ କହିହେବ ନାହିଁ । ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ଅନର୍ସ ହେଉ ଅଥବା ପାସ୍‌କ୍ଲାସନେଇ ପଢ଼ାଇ ସାରି ଫେରିଲାବେଳେ ଲାଗେ ଦିଗ୍‌ବିଜୟ କରି ଆସିଲାପରି । ପ୍ରାୟ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଅଧ୍ୟାପକଙ୍କର ଏଇ ଅନୁଭୂତି ନିଶ୍ଚୟ ଥିବ ବୋଲି ମୁଁ ଭାବୁଛି । ସେତେବେଳେ ଭାବୁଥିଲି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ପଢ଼ାଇବାର ସୁଯୋଗ ମିଳନ୍ତା କି ?

୧୯୮୭ ମସିହାରେ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ଅଧ୍ୟାପକ ଚାକିରୀ ପାଇଁ ବିଜ୍ଞାପନ ବାହାରିଲା ଏବଂ ମୁଁ ପରୀକ୍ଷା ଦେଲି । ଭଗବାନଙ୍କ କୃପାରୁ ସାକ୍ଷାତକାର ପରୀକ୍ଷାରେ ପ୍ରଥମ ହୋଇ ଯୋଗ୍ୟ ବିବେଚିତ ହେଲି । କିଛି ବାଧାବିଘ୍ନ ଆସିଲା ମାତ୍ର ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ତତ୍କାଳୀନ କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷଙ୍କର ଦୃଢ଼ନିଷ୍ପତ୍ତି ପାଖରେ ବାଧାବିଘ୍ନ ହାରିଗଲା । ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ଚାକିରୀ ଜୀବନ ଆରମ୍ଭହେଲା । ବିଭାଗରେ ସାର୍‌ମାନଙ୍କର ସ୍ନେହ, ଆଦର, ଆନ୍ତରିକତା ଓ ମାର୍ଗଦର୍ଶନ ମିଳିଲା । ଚାକିରୀକାଳ ଭିତରେ ସାରମାନଙ୍କର ଓ ପରେ ପରେ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ସହକର୍ମୀମାନଙ୍କର ସହଯୋଗ ଯଥେଷ୍ଟ ମିଳିଲା ଓ ସମୟକ୍ରମେ ଅବସର ଗ୍ରହଣ କରିବାକୁ ହେଲା ।

ଉତ୍କଳବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ପରମ୍ପରା ଯେପରି ସମୃଦ୍ଧ, ପୁରୋଦୃଷ୍ଟି ମଧ୍ୟ ସେପରି ପରିବ୍ୟାପ୍ତ । ଓଡ଼ିଶା ବାହାରେ ଏବଂ ସମଗ୍ର ଭାରତ ବର୍ଷରେ ଏହାର ମହାନତା ସ୍ୱୀକୃତ ଓ ସମ୍ମାନିତ ହୋଇଛି । ଏହାର ପଞ୍ଚସ୍ତରୀ ବର୍ଷ ପୂର୍ତ୍ତି ଉପଲକ୍ଷେ ପାଳିତ ହେଉଛି ବିଭିନ୍ନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ । ଏହା ମନରେ ଆଣୁଛି ଅଶେଷ ଆନନ୍ଦ । ଏହି ଅବକାଶରେ ସମ୍ମାନନୀୟ କୁଳପତି ତଥା ସମସ୍ତ କର୍ମକର୍ତ୍ତାଙ୍କୁ ଏବଂ ସମ୍ମାନନୀୟ କର୍ମଚାରୀ ମାନଙ୍କୁ କୃତଜ୍ଞତା ଓ ସାଧୁବାଦଜଣାଉଛି ।



ଥିଲା ଆକର୍ଷଣୀୟ, ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିତ୍ୱ ଥିଲା ଅନୁରୂପ ଉଚ୍ଚକୋଟୀର । ସେହିମାନଙ୍କ ପ୍ରେରଣା ଆମକୁ ଅଧ୍ୟାପନା ବୃତ୍ତି ନିମିତ୍ତ ପ୍ରେରିତ କରିଥିଲା । ଆମର ବନ୍ଧୁମାନେ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ବୃତ୍ତି କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ପ୍ରଥମେ ପ୍ରବେଶ କରିଥିଲେ ହେଁ ଶେଷରେ ଅଧିକାଂଶ ବନ୍ଧୁ ଅଧ୍ୟାପନା ବୃତ୍ତିକୁ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରିନେଇଥିଲେ । ଗୁରୁମାନଙ୍କର ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା,ଶୁଭେଚ୍ଛା ଏବଂ ଆଶୀର୍ବାଦ ଯୋଗୁଁ ମୁଁ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଏବଂ ପରେ ପରେ ବ୍ରହ୍ମପୁର ଓ ସମ୍ବଲପୁର ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ଅଧ୍ୟାପନା କରି ନିକଟ ଅତୀତରେ ପ୍ରଫେସର ଭାବରେ ଅବସର ଗ୍ରହଣ କରିଛି । ମୋର ସଫଳତା ପଶ୍ଚାତ୍‌ରେ ଗୁରୁମାନଙ୍କର ଯେ ବଡ଼ ଅବଦାନ ଓ ପ୍ରେରଣା ରହଛି, ଏକଥା ସ୍ୱୀକାର କରିବାରେ ଆଦୌ ଦ୍ୱିଧାନାହିଁ ।

ଆମ ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ ସମୟରେ ଉଭୟ ବିଭାଗ ତଥା ଛାତ୍ରାବାସରେ ସାହିତ୍ୟାଧ୍ୟୟନ ନିମିତ୍ତ ଚମତ୍କାର ବାତାବରଣ ରହିଥିଲା । ଅନେକ ସମୟରେ ପ୍ରବନ୍ଧ ତଥା ସାହିତ୍ୟର ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ବିଭାଗ ସଂପର୍କରେ ପ୍ରତିଯୋଗିତା ହେଉଥିଲା । କୃତି ପ୍ରତିଯୋଗୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ପୁରସ୍କୃତ କରାଯାଉଥିଲା । ଶିକ୍ଷକମାନେ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ପ୍ରତିଯୋଗିତାରେ ଅଂଶଗ୍ରହଣ ନିମିତ୍ତ ଆମକୁ ଉତ୍ସାହିତ କରୁଥିଲେ । ତେଣୁ ସେହିପରି ଏକ ଅନୁକୂଳ ବାତାବରଣ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ କରୁଥିବା ଯୋଗୁଁ ଆମ ସମୟରେ ବହୁ ଛାତ୍ର-ଛାତ୍ରୀ ଅଧ୍ୟାପନା ତଥା ଲେଖାଲେଖି କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ନିଜର ପାରଦର୍ଶିତା ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶନ କରିଥିଲେ । ସେଦିନ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଆମକୁ ଯାହା ଦେଇଛି, ସେ ଋଣ ପରିଶୋଧ କରିବା ସମ୍ଭବ ନୁହେଁ । ସେ ସମୟର ଅନେକ ମଧୁର ସ୍ମୃତି ଏବେ ମଧ୍ୟ ବେଳେ ବେଳେ ଆନମନା କରେ । ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଛାତ୍ର ଭାବରେ ମୁଁ ନିଜକୁ ଗୌରବାନ୍ୱିତ ମନେକରେ । ଏଠାରେ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ସମୟର ମତାନ୍ତର ଘଟିଛି ସତ୍ୟ; କିନ୍ତୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ମହାନ୍ ପରଂପରା କେବେ ମତାନ୍ତରକୁ ମନାନ୍ତରରେ ପରିଣତ କରିନାହିଁ । ଜୀବନରେ ଯେଉଁ ସଫଳତା ସାଉଁଟିଛି, ଯେଉଁ ପରିଚୟ ପାଇଛି ତା ମୂଳରେ ରହିଛି ମୋର ଏହି ପ୍ରିୟ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ସଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧ ଅବଦାନ । ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ପଢ଼ିବାର ଗୌରବ ସର୍ବଦା ଭିନ୍ନ ଅନୁଭୂତିର ଅପେକ୍ଷା ରଖି ଆସିଛି ।

ଏହା ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଅର୍ଥାତ୍ ଏହି ମହାନ୍ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରୁ ଉତ୍ତୀର୍ଣ୍ଣ ହେବାର ୩୮ ବର୍ଷ ଅତିକ୍ରମ କରିଯାଇଛି । ମୋତେ ପଢ଼ାଇଥିବା ଅଧିକାଂଶ ଗୁରୁ ଆଉ ଇହଜଗତରେ ନାହାନ୍ତି । କେବଳ ନିତ୍ୟାନନ୍ଦ ସାର୍ ଏବଂ ବୈଷ୍ଣବ ସାର ଆମକୁ ଆଶୀର୍ବାଦ ଦେବାକୁ ରହିଛନ୍ତି । ବାବାଜୀ ସାର୍ ସନ୍ନ୍ୟାସ ନେଇ ସାରିଛନ୍ତି । ଏବେ ମଧ୍ୟ ସାର୍‌ମାନଙ୍କ ସହିତ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଗତ ପରିଚୟ ରହିଛି । ନିତ୍ୟାନନ୍ଦ ସାର୍ ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧାର ସହିତ ଦୀର୍ଘ ୪୨ ବର୍ଷ ଧରି ଏକକ ଚେଷ୍ଟାରେ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରି ଆସୁଥିବା 'ଇସ୍ତାହାର' ପତ୍ରିକାରେ ମତେ ସଂପାଦକର ମର୍ଯ୍ୟାଦା ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି । ବୈଷ୍ଣବ ସାର ଏବେ ମଧ୍ୟ ପୁତ୍ରବତ୍ ସ୍ନେହ ବନ୍ଧନରେ ବାନ୍ଧି ରଖିଛନ୍ତି । ସେହି ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା ଓ ସ୍ନେହ ମୁଁ ମଧ୍ୟ ମୋର ଛାତ୍ର-ଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କୁ ଦେଇଛି । ଏହି ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା ଓ ସ୍ନେହ ପ୍ରଦାନ ପରଂପରା ମୁଁ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରୁ ଶିକ୍ଷା କରିଛି । ଆଜି ସମୟକ୍ରମେ ଅଖ୍ୟାତ ପଲ୍ଲୀରୁ ଆସି ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର ବାସିନ୍ଦା ହୋଇଛି । ଏବେ ମଧ୍ୟ ବିଭାଗ ଓ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ମୋତେ ଲୋଡ଼ୁଛି ଓ ମୁଁ ଆନନ୍ଦର ସହିତ ସେମାନଙ୍କ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ଯୋଗ ଦେଉଛି । ସେହି ଅବିଚ୍ଛିନ୍ନ ସଂପର୍କଟି ଶେଷ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଅବ୍ୟାହତ ରହିବ ବୋଲି ଆଶା କରୁଛି । ଆଜି ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ତା'ର ପ୍ଲାଟିନମ୍ ଜୁବୁଲି ପାଳନ ଅବକାଶରେ ମୋର କିଛି ସ୍ମୃତି ବାଣ୍ଟିବା ଲାଗି କହିଥିବାରୁ ନିଜକୁ ଗୌରବାନ୍ୱିତ ମନେକରୁଛି । ସବୁ ସ୍ମୃତି କ'ଣ ବାଣ୍ଟିହୁଏ । ଏମିତି କିଛି ଅବଣ୍ଟା ସ୍ମୃତି ରହିଯାଇଛି, ତାହା ବରଂ କେବଳ ସ୍ମୃତି ହୋଇ ରହିଯାଉ । ସମସ୍ତ କର୍ମକର୍ତ୍ତାଙ୍କୁ ଶୁଭେଚ୍ଛା ଏବଂ ମୋ ଜ୍ଞାନବୃଦ୍ଧ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟକୁ ପ୍ରଣାମ ।

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ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ମୋର ଆଉ ଏକ ମା' । ସେ ଜ୍ଞାନ ଦେଇଛି । ମୋ ଭିତରେ ଲୁଚି ରହିଥିବା ଗୁଣକୁ ସଂସ୍କାରିତ କରି ପ୍ରକଟିତ କରିବାରେ ସାହାଯ୍ୟ କରିଛି । ମୋ ଜୀବନକୁ ସାର୍ଥକ କରିଛି । ଆଜି ମୁଁ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା ଓ ସାହିତ୍ୟର ଜଣେ ସୁଯୋଗ୍ୟ ଛାତ୍ରଭାବେ ନିଜକୁ ଗର୍ବ ଅନୁଭବ କରିପାରୁଛି ।

୧୯୯୮-୨୦୦୦ ଏଇ ଦୁଇ ବର୍ଷ ମୁଁ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା ଓ ସାହିତ୍ୟ ବିଭାଗର ଛାତ୍ରଭାବେ ପାଠ ପଢ଼ିଥିଲି । ଆମ ସମୟରେ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଶିକ୍ଷକ ଜଣେଜଣେ ଭଲ ମଣିଷ ଓ ତା'ପରେ ଭଲ ଶିକ୍ଷକ । ସେମାନଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରୁ ପ୍ରଫେସର ବାସୁଦେବ ସାହୁ ଓ ପ୍ରଫେସର ଆଶୁତୋଷ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ ଗତାୟୁ । ଆଉ ସମସ୍ତେ ଜୀବିତ ଓ ସକ୍ରିୟ । ସେମାନେ ଆମକୁ ଦେଖିଲେ ସ୍ନେହ କରନ୍ତି ଓ ଆମେ ମଧ୍ୟ ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ଦେଖିଲେ ମଥା ଆପେଆପେ ନଇଁ ଯାଏ । ମନେପଡ଼େ ସେମାନଙ୍କର ପାଠପଢ଼ା, ତାଗିଦା ଓ ଭଲ ପାଠପଢ଼ିବାପାଇଁ ପରାମର୍ଶ । ସେଇ ସମୟର ପାଠପଢ଼ା ଆମ ଜୀବନ ତିଆରି କରିଛି । ସେଥିପାଇଁ ମୁଁ ସେମାନଙ୍କ ପାଖରେ ତଥା ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପାଖରେ ଚିରଋଣୀ ।

ଆମ ସମୟର ସାଙ୍ଗମାନେ ଏବେ ମୋତେ ଦେଖିଲେ ବହୁତ ଭଲପାଆନ୍ତି । ମୁଁ ମଧ୍ୟ ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ଦେଖିଲେ ବଡ଼ ଆଦର କରେ । ମନେପଡ଼େ ତାଳପଦେଶ୍ୱରୀ କବିତା ଆସର କଥା ପୁଣି ମନେପଡ଼େ ଆମ ସେମିନାର କଥା । ଆମେ ସଚ୍ଚିରାଉତରାୟଙ୍କୁ ଦେଖିଛୁ ଓ ଶୁଣିଛୁ । ପୁଣି ଦେଖିଛୁ, ଶୁଣିଛୁ ଓ ପ୍ରଶ୍ନ ପଚାରିଛୁ ନାଟ୍ୟକାର ମନୋରଞ୍ଜନ ଦାସଙ୍କୁ ଏବଂ ଅନେକ ବିଖ୍ୟାତ ସାହିତ୍ୟିକଙ୍କ ସଂସ୍ପର୍ଶରେ ଆସିବାର ସୁଯୋଗ ଲଭିଛୁ । ସେମାନଙ୍କର ଅଭିଭାଷଣ ଆମକୁ ନୂଆ ବାଟ ଦେଖାଇଥିଲା ଆଉ ସେଇ ବାଟରେ ବାଟୋଇ ହେବାପାଇଁ ଆମେ ପ୍ରୟାସ କରୁଥିଲୁ ।

ଆମେ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସହିତ ସଂସ୍କୃତ ଓ ପାଲି ପଢ଼ିଛୁ । ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷାର ସ୍ୱରୂପ ଓ ଗୁଣ ପାଲି ଓ ପ୍ରାକୃତ ଭାଷାରେ ରହିଛି । ସେମାନଙ୍କ ସଂସର୍ଗରେ ଆସି ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା ନିଶ୍ଚୟ ସମୃଦ୍ଧ ହୋଇଚିବୋଲି ବୁଝିନେଇଛୁ । ମୋ ଜାଣତରେ ଆଜି ଓଡ଼ିଆ ପାଠ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ "ପାଲିଧମ୍ମପଦ" ନାହିଁ କି ସଂସ୍କୃତ କୌଣସି ବିଷୟ ଥିବାର ସୂଚନା ନାହିଁ । ଏଇ ଭିତରେ ଅନେକ ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତନ ଘଟିଛି । କିଛି ଅଭିଜ୍ଞତା ନ ଥାଇ ନୂଆ ପାଠର ପ୍ରବେଶ ଘଟିଛି । ଏସବୁ ଦେଖିଲେ ମନ ଦୁଃଖ ହୁଏ । ଭାବେ ଏସବୁର ସମାଧାନ କେବେ ହେବ ।

ଆମ "ପରିଜା ପାଠାଗାର" ଆମର ସଂପତ୍ତି । ଆମ "ପୋଥି ବିଭାଗ" ଆମ ପାରିମ୍ପରିକ ଜ୍ଞାନକୌଶଳର ରତ୍ନଭଣ୍ଡାର । ଆମ ପ୍ରାଚ୍ୟବିଦ୍ୟା : ବେଦ, ପୁରାଣ, କାବ୍ୟ, ନାଟକ, ଗଣିତ, ଧର୍ମଶାସ୍ତ୍ର, ଦର୍ଶନ, ଜ୍ୟୋତିଷ, ସଂଗୀତ, ତନ୍ତ୍ର, ବ୍ୟାକରଣ, ଅଭିଧାନ, ଅଳଙ୍କାର ଓ ଆୟୁର୍ବେଦବିଷୟକ ଅନେକ ପୋଥି ଆମ ପୋଥି ବିଭାଗରେ ସଂଗ୍ରହ ହୋଇ ରହିଛି । ଏଇସବୁ ବିଷୟରେ ଗବେଷଣା କଲେ ଓ ହେଲେ ଆମ ପାରମ୍ପରିକ ଜ୍ଞାନ କୌଶଳ ସଂପ୍ରସାରିତ ହୋଇପାରିବ ଓ ଆମେ ଆମ ଅସ୍ମିତାକୁ ବଜାୟ ରଖିପାରିବା ।

ଭାଷାକୁ ନେଇ ଗର୍ବକରିବା ଓ ଭାଷାକୁ ନେଇ ଭାବିବାର ସମୟ ଆସିଛି । ରୂପଶ୍ରୀ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ଲଭି ନିଜର ସ୍ୱାତନ୍ତ୍ର୍ୟ ପ୍ରତିପାଦନ କରିପାରିଛି । ଭାଷା-ସାହିତ୍ୟ ଓ ସଂସ୍କୃତି ପରସ୍ପର ପରିପୂରକ । ଭାଷା ଓ ସାହିତ୍ୟ ତତ୍ତ୍ୱ ଦୃଷ୍ଟିରୁ ଭିନ୍ନଭିନ୍ନ । ଭାଷାର ତର୍କମୂଳକ ଭାଷା ହେଉଛି ସାହିତ୍ୟ । ସଂସ୍କୃତି ହେଉଛି ଆଦର୍ଶ । ଭାଷା ଆଦର୍ଶ ପରିପ୍ରକାଶର ମାଧ୍ୟମ । ସାହିତ୍ୟ ହେଉଛି ଆଦର୍ଶର ବାହକ । ଅତଏବ ଭାଷା-ସାହିତ୍ୟର ସଂରକ୍ଷଣ, ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ ଓ ଅଧ୍ୟାପନା ସଂସାରର ସବୁଠାରୁ ମହତ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ । ଏଇ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟରେ ବା ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା-ସାହିତ୍ୟ-ସଂସ୍କୃତି ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ ଓ ସଂରକ୍ଷଣ ଦିଗରେ ନିଜକୁ ସାମିଲ କରିଥିବାରୁ ସ୍ୱଜନ୍ମ ଧନ୍ୟବୋଲି ଭାବୁଛି ।

ଆସିଷ୍ଟାଣ୍ଟ୍ ପ୍ରଫେସର
ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗ
ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ, ବାଣୀବିହାର



ବାଣୀବିହାରର ସଭାପତି ପଦବୀରେ ଥିଲେ । ମୋର ରୁମ୍‌ମେଟ୍ ଥିଲା ଭୂଗୋଳର ଛାତ୍ରୀ ସୁପ୍ରଭା ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ । ଏବେ ସୁପ୍ରଭା ଅଛି ବି.ଜେ.ବି. କଲେଜର ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷା ଦାୟିତ୍ୱରେ । ସେ ମୋର ସେଠି ଲେଖାଯାଉଥିବା ଗଳ୍ପର ପ୍ରଥମ ପାଠିକା ଓ ସମାଲୋଚିକା ଓ ଜଣେ ପରମ ବାନ୍ଧବୀ । ପୁଣି ଓ.ୟୁ.ଏଟି. ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ସମୟରେ ତତ୍‌କାଳୀନ ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଥିବା ଶ୍ରୀମତୀ ଇନ୍ଦିରା ଗାନ୍ଧି ଆସୁଥିବା ବେଳେ ଆମ ବାଣୀବିହାର ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀ ତାଙ୍କୁ ନିଜର ଓ କ୍ୟାମ୍ପସର କିଛି ସମସ୍ୟା ପାଇଁ ସାକ୍ଷାତ୍ କରି ଆବେଦନ ଦେବାକୁ ଯିବାବେଳେ ହଷ୍ଟେଲରୁ ଆମମାନଙ୍କୁ ସାମିଲ କରାଯାଇଥିଲା । ଅପାମାନେ ଆଗଧାଡ଼ିରେ ଥିଲେ । ହେଲେ ହଠାତ୍ ଲାଠିଚାର୍ଜ ଓ ପାଣି ମାଡ଼ ହେବାରୁ ଆମେ କିଛି ବୁଝିପାରି ନଥିଲୁ । କଣ୍ଟାଝଂଟା ନ ମାନି ଦଉଡୁଥିଲୁ । କାହାର ଚପଲ ନଥିଲା ତ ଶାଢ଼ି ଛାଡ଼ି, ଆଣ୍ଠୁ ଛିଣ୍ଡି ଯାଇଥିଲା । ଏ ଥିଲା ଏକ ଅଭୁଲା ଅନୁଭୂତି । ଆଜି ବି ମନେ ପଡ଼ିଲେ ଦେହ ଶିତେଇ ଉଠେ ।

ସେତେବେଳେ ଟାଉନ୍‌କୁ ଯିବା ପାଇଁ କେବଳ ନାଲି ରଙ୍ଗର ଟାଉନ୍ ବସ୍ ଥିଲା । ଆଜି ଭଳି ଅଟୋ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ସୁବିଧା ନଥିଲା । ପାଣି ଟାଙ୍କିରେ ବସ୍ ଅଟକୁ ଥିଲା । ପ୍ରବଳ ଭିଡ଼ ହେଉଥିଲା । କେବେ କେବେ ସୁପ୍ରଭା ଓ ମୁଁ ପାଣିଟାଙ୍କିର ତଳେ ଥିବା ସିମେଣ୍ଟ ଚୌହଦୀରେ ବସି ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କର ଓହ୍ଲାଇବା ଆସିବା ଦେଖୁ, ମୁଁ ମୋ ଗଳ୍ପର ଚରିତ୍ର ଗୋଟାଏ । ପୁଣି ସନ୍ଧ୍ୟା ବେଳେ ସୁପର ମାର୍କେଟ୍‌ରେ କିଣା କିଣି, ସେଣ୍ଟ୍ରାଲ୍ କ୍ୟାଣ୍ଟିନ୍‌ରେ ଖିଆ, ସକାଳୁ ସକାଳୁ କେବେ କେବେ ଗେଷ୍ଟ ହାଉସ୍‌ରୁ ଆରମ୍ଭ କରି ଶିବ ମନ୍ଦିର ଆଡ଼େ ବୁଲାବୁଲି, ରବିବାରରେ ସ୍ୱାତୀ ସିନେମା ହଲ୍‌ରେ ଆର୍ଟଫିଲ୍ମ ଦେଖା, ସ୍ୱପ୍ନପୁରୀ (ରମାଦେବୀ ସାମ୍ନାରେ) ରେ ଇଡ଼ଲୀ ଖିଆ ଏମିତି କେତେ କଣ ।

ତେବେ ଉଲ୍ଲେଖନୀୟ କଥା ହେଲା କୁନ୍ତଳା କୁମାରୀ ଛାତ୍ରୀ ନିବାସ ସାମ୍ନାରେ, ପୋଷ୍ଟ ଅଫିସ୍ ରାସ୍ତା ଏପଟେ ଥିବା ଜୋତା ସିଲେଇ କରୁଥିବା ଆନ୍ଧ୍ରରୁ ଆସିଥିବା ସୀମାଚନ୍ଦ୍ରମା । ଧଳାଫୁଲ ଫୁଟୁ ଥିବା କାଠଚମ୍ପା ଗଛ ତଳେ ପଲାମାରି ସେ ତା' ଜୋତା ସିଲେଇ କାରଖାନା ମେଲାଇଥିଲା । ରାମଲୁ ନାମକ ସ୍ୱାମୀଟି ମଦଖାଇ ତାକୁ ବାଡ଼ଉଥିଲା ଓ ପାଞ୍ଚ ଛଅ ବର୍ଷର ପୁଅଟା ନଟୁ ଘୂରାଇବାରେ ଲାଗିପଡ଼ିଥିଲା । ଦୁହେଁ ପୁଣି ପ୍ରେମ ବିବାହ କରିଥିଲେ ଦିନେ । ଆନ୍ଧ୍ରରୁ ଘରୁ ପଳାଇ ଆସି ଓଡ଼ିଶାରେ ପହଁଚିଥିଲେ । ସେମାନଙ୍କର ଜୀବନ କାହାଣୀ ସହ ରାମଲୁର ମଦପିଇ ସୀମାଚନ୍ଦ୍ରମାଙ୍କୁ ବାଡ଼େଇବା ମୋତେ ଖୁବ୍ ପ୍ରଭାବିତ କରୁଥିଲା । ମୁଁ ପ୍ରାୟ ଜୋତା ସିଲେଇ ନ ଥିଲେ ବି ଯାଉଥିଲି । ଶେଷରେ ସୀମଚନ୍ଦ୍ରମା ଶୀର୍ଷକରେ ଗପ ଲେଖିଥିଲି ଯାହା ଧରିତ୍ରୀର ରବିବାର ସାହିତ୍ୟ ପୃଷ୍ଠାରେ ପ୍ରକାଶ ପାଇଥିଲା । ଆଜିକାଲି ବାଣୀବିହାର ଗଲେ ସେ ସ୍ଥାନରେ ଜେରକ୍ସ ଦୋକାନ, ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ଦୋକାନ ଗଢ଼ି ଉଠିଛି । ସୀମାଚନ୍ଦ୍ରମାର କାଠଚମ୍ପା ଗଛ ଓ ତା ତଳେ ଜୋତାଗଦା ହୋଇଥିବା ଝୁମ୍ପୁଡ଼ି ଘର ନାଚିଉଠେ । କେଉଁଠି ହଜିଗଲାଣି ସେ ସ୍ଥାନ, ସୀମାଚନ୍ଦ୍ରମା ଆଉ ମୋ ସମୟ ? ସମୟ କେଉଁ ଛକରେ ପହଁଞ୍ଚାଇ ଦେଇଛି । ତଥାପି ମନେପଡ଼େ କୃଷ୍ଣଚୂଡ଼ାର ନାଲି, ହଳଦିଆ ଫୁଲ, ତା ତଳେ କେତେ କେତେ ଯୋଡ଼ି । ଭଙ୍ଗା ଗଢ଼ା ଜୀବନ । ପ୍ରେମ ଓ ବିରହର କାହାଣୀ ।

ହଁ, ବାଣୀବିହାର କ୍ୟାମ୍ପସ୍ ଲୁହ ଦେଖିଛି, ହସ ଦେଖିଛି । ଦେଖିଛି ପାଇବା, ହରାଇବା । ଅନୁଭବ କରିଛି ମିଳନ ଓ ବିରହ । କ୍ୟାମ୍ପସ୍ ଛାଡ଼ିଲାପରେ କେଉଁ ଭଳି ଭାବରେ ଜୀବନ ସେମାନଙ୍କର ବିତେ ସେ କଥା ବା ତା'ର ହିସାବ କ'ଣ ବାଣୀବିହାର ପାଖରେ ଥାଏ ? ମୁଁ ବାଣୀବିହାର ୧୯୮୩ ରେ ଛାଡ଼ିଲି । ସେମିଷ୍ଟାର ଥିବାରୁ ଦୁଇବର୍ଷ ସ୍ଥାନରେ ଅଢ଼େଇ ତିନି ବର୍ଷ ହେଇଯାଉଥିଲା । 'ବାଣୀବିହାର ଏକ ସବୁଜ ସ୍ୱପ୍ନ' ନାଁ ରେ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ମୁଖପତ୍ର 'ବାଣୀବିକାଶ' ପତ୍ରିକାରେ ପ୍ରକାଶିତ ହୋଇଥିଲା । ବାଣୀବିହାର ଛାଡ଼ିଲାପରେ 'ଛକ' ନାମକ ଗପଟିଏ ଲେଖିଥିଲି । କ୍ୟାମ୍ପସ୍‌ର କିଛି ଚରିତ୍ରକୁ ନେଇ ଓ ଜୀବନ କେମିତି ଏକ 'ଛକ'ରେ ଅଟକି ଯାଇଛି ଓ ସ୍ୱପ୍ନ ଦେଖା ସମୟ, ବାସ୍ତବ ଜୀବନ ଭିତରେ କେତେ ଦୂରତ୍ୱ ତାହା ହିଁ ଥିଲା 'ଛକ' ଗପର ସାରାଂଶ । ପରବର୍ତ୍ତୀ ସମୟରେ ଛକ ନାଁରେ ମୋର ଗଳ୍ପ ସଂକଳନଟି ଓଡ଼ିଶାବୁକ୍‌ଷ୍ଟୋର ଦ୍ୱାରା ପ୍ରକାଶିତ ହୋଇଥିଲା, ଏମିତି ଅନେକ ସ୍ମୃତି ।

ଏଥର ଆସିବି ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗକୁ । ଡିପାର୍ଟମେଣ୍ଟ ତିନିମହଲା ଉପରେ । ଥରେ ଉଠିଲେ, ଓହ୍ଲାଇଲେ ଭାତ ହଜମ୍ । ଆମେ ପାହାଚ ଚଢ଼ିଲା ବେଳେ ଆବୃତ୍ତି କରୁଥିଲୁ,



ମହେନ୍ଦ୍ର କୁମାର ରାଉତ ଥିଲେ ସେହିପରି ଆନ୍ତର୍ଜାତିକ ଖ୍ୟାତି ସଂପନ୍ନ ରସାୟନବିତ୍ । ମୋର ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ ସମୟରେ ସମଗ୍ର ଭାରତବର୍ଷରେ ଯେଉଁ କେତୋଟି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଗୌରବର ଶୀର୍ଷ ସ୍ଥାନରେ ଉପନୀତ ହୋଇଥିଲେ, ତନ୍ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଥିଲା ଅନ୍ୟତମ । ଏହାର ଶୈକ୍ଷିକ ବାତାବରଣ ଅତ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଉଚ୍ଚକୋଟୀର ଥିଲା । ବୌଦ୍ଧିକତା ସହିତ ସହଯୋଗମୂଳକ ବାତାବରଣ ଯୋଗୁଁ ବିଦ୍ୟାର୍ଥୀଗଣ ଜାତୀୟ ଓ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଜାତୀୟ ସ୍ତରରେ ନିଜର ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର ପରିଚୟ ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରିପାରିଥିଲେ । ଗବେଷଣା ଓ ଅଧ୍ୟାପନା କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଏହା ଥିଲା ଏକ ଆଦର୍ଶ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ । ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ଅଧିକାଂଶ ମେଧାବୀ ବିଦ୍ୟାର୍ଥୀ ଏଠାକୁ ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟରେ ଆସୁଥିଲେ । ଏଠାରେ ଅଧ୍ୟାପନା କରୁଥିବା ଶିକ୍ଷକଗଣ ବିଦ୍ୟା, ବୁଦ୍ଧି, ଗବେଷଣା ଆଦି କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଜାତୀୟ ସ୍ତରରେ ସୁନାମ ଅର୍ଜନ କରିଥିଲେ । ଆଜିପରି ସେତେବେଳେ ବିଶ୍ୱ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପରିସର ରାଜନୀତିର ପଶାକାଠି ପାଲଟି ନଥିଲା । ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଛାତ୍ର ସଂସଦନିର୍ବାଚନ ଏକ ଶାନ୍ତି ଶୃଙ୍ଖଳା ପରିବେଶରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ହେଉଥିଲା । କେବଳ ମେଧାବୀ ବିଦ୍ୟାର୍ଥୀ ଏହି ନିର୍ବାଚନରେ ଅଂଶ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରୁଥିଲେ; ସେମାନେ କୌଣସି ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦିଷ୍ଟ ରାଜନୀତିକ ଦଳ ବା ରାଜନୀତିକ ଆଦର୍ଶର ପ୍ରତିନିଧିତ୍ୱ କରୁନଥିଲେ । ଏକ ସର୍ବନିମ୍ନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟସୂଚୀକୁ ଆଧାର କରି ବିଦ୍ୟାର୍ଥୀମାନଙ୍କ ସମ୍ମୁଖକୁ ଛାତ୍ର ପ୍ରତିନିଧିମାନେ ଯାଉଥିଲେ ଏବଂ ନିର୍ବାଚନ ପରେ ନିଜ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତିକୁ ଯଥାସମ୍ଭବ ରୂପାୟନ ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟରେ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରୁଥିଲେ । ଉଭୟ ବିଜୟୀ ଓ ପରାଜିତ ବିଦ୍ୟାର୍ଥୀ ରାଜନୀତିକ ହିଂସା ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତେ ରାଜନୀତିକ ସହିଷ୍ଣୁତା ଉପରେ ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱ ଦେଇ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ସାମଗ୍ରିକ ବିକାଶ ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟରେ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରୁଥିଲେ । ସେଥିପାଇଁ ସେତେବେଳର ଛାତ୍ର-ରାଜନୀତି କହିଲେ ଏକ ଆଦର୍ଶ ରାଜନୀତିକୁ ବୁଝାଉଥିଲା ।

ଆମ ବିଦ୍ୟାର୍ଥୀମାନଙ୍କ ନିମିତ୍ତ ସବୁଠାରୁ ଅଧିକ ଆକର୍ଷଣୀୟ ଥିଲା ଏହାର ପାଠାଗାର ଓ ବିଦ୍ୟାର୍ଥୀମାନଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ରହିଥିବା ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ କକ୍ଷ । ଦୈନନ୍ଦିନ ନିୟମିତ ଶିକ୍ଷକମାନଙ୍କର ଅଧ୍ୟାପନା ପରେ ଆମେ ଏଠାରେ ପ୍ରାୟ ସନ୍ଧ୍ୟା ୭ଟା ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ପାଠ ପଢ଼ିବା ସଙ୍ଗେ ସଙ୍ଗେ ଆବଶ୍ୟକୀୟ ତଥ୍ୟ ସଂଗ୍ରହ କରୁଥିଲୁ । ପ୍ରବନ୍ଧ ଓ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ବିଷୟ ଲେଖିବାର ପ୍ରେରଣା ଆମେ ଏହିଠାରୁ ଲାଭ କରିଥିଲୁ । ଆମ ଭବିଷ୍ୟତ ଅଧ୍ୟାପନା ନିମିତ୍ତ ଏହି ପାଠାଗାର ଆମକୁ ପ୍ରେରଣା ଦେଇଥିଲା । ବହୁ ଅପ୍ରକାଶିତ ଗବେଷଣା ନିବନ୍ଧ, ସାମସମୟିକ ପତ୍ର-ପ୍ରତିକା, ଏନ୍‌ସାଇକ୍ଲୋପେଡ଼ିଆ, ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ବିଶ୍ୱକୋଷ, ଇଂରାଜୀ ଓ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସମ୍ବାଦପତ୍ର ଏଠାରେ ବହୁ ପରିମାଣରେ ସଜାଇ ରଖାଯାଇଥିଲା । ବିଦ୍ୟାର୍ଥୀମାନେ ନିଜ ରୁଚି ଓ ଆବଶ୍ୟକତା ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ଏହାର ବ୍ୟବହାର କରୁଥିଲେ । ସେଥିପାଇଁ ଆମ ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ ସମୟରେ ବହୁ ବିଦ୍ୟାର୍ଥୀ ସର୍ବଭାରତୀୟ ପ୍ରଶାସନିକ ସେବା, ଓଡ଼ିଶା ପ୍ରଶାସନିକ ସେବା ତଥା ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ପ୍ରତିଯୋଗିତାମୂଳକ ପରୀକ୍ଷାରେ ସଫଳତା ଅର୍ଜନ କରି ପ୍ରାଦେଶିକ ଏବଂ ଜାତୀୟ ସ୍ତରରେ ନିଜସ୍ୱ ପରିଚୟ ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରିପାରିଥିଲେ ।

ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ମୁଁ ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ କରିଥିବା ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗ ସଂପର୍କରେ ସାମାନ୍ୟ ସୂଚନା ପ୍ରଦାନ କରିବି । ସେତେବେଳେ ଆମ ବିଭାଗରେ ଯେଉଁ ଶିକ୍ଷକଗଣ ଅଧ୍ୟାପନା କରୁଥିଲେ ଜ୍ଞାନ, ପାଣ୍ଡିତ୍ୟ, ଉଦାରତା- ସମସ୍ତ ଉଚ୍ଚ ମାନବିକ ଗୁଣର ଥିଲେ ଅଧିକାରୀ । ଡକ୍ଟର ବଂଶୀଧର ମହାନ୍ତି ଥିଲେ ଏକମାତ୍ର ପ୍ରଫେସର ଓ ବିଭାଗ ମୁଖ୍ୟ । ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ପରି ସେତେବେଳେ ଆବର୍ତ୍ତନୀୟ ଧାରା ବିଭାଗ ମୁଖ୍ୟ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ପ୍ରଚଳନ ନଥିଲା । ଜଣେ ହିଁ କେବଳ ମୁଖ୍ୟ ରହୁଥିଲେ । ଡକ୍ଟର କୃଷ୍ଣଚରଣ ସାହୁ, ଡକ୍ଟର ନିତ୍ୟାନନ୍ଦ ଶତପଥୀ, ଡକ୍ଟର ବାସୁଦେବ ସାହୁ ପ୍ରାଧ୍ୟାପକ ରୂପେ ଏବଂ ଡକ୍ଟର ଆଶୁତୋଷ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ, ଡକ୍ଟର ବୈଷ୍ଣବ ଚରଣ ସାମଲ ଅଧ୍ୟାପକ ଭାବେ ଓ ଡକଟର ବାବାଜୀ ଦାସ (ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା ଡାକନାମ) ଗବେଷଣା ସହାୟକ ତଥା ଅଧ୍ୟାପନା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରୁଥିଲେ । ପ୍ରାଚୀନ ସାହିତ୍ୟ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ପ୍ରଫେସର ମହାନ୍ତି ଓ ଡକ୍ଟର ସାହୁ, ମଧ୍ୟଯୁଗୀୟ ସାହିତ୍ୟ ତଥା ଭାଷାତତ୍ତ୍ୱରେ ଡକ୍ଟର ବାସୁଦେବ ସାହୁ, ଆଧୁନିକ ସାହିତ୍ୟରେ ଡକ୍‌ଟର ନିତ୍ୟାନନ୍ଦ ଶତପଥୀ ଓ ବୈଷ୍ଣବ ଚରଣ ସାମଲ, ଧର୍ମ ସାହିତ୍ୟ, ବୈଷ୍ଣବ ତତ୍ତ୍ୱ ସାହିତ୍ୟ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଡକ୍ଟର ଆଶୁତୋଷ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ ଏବଂ ଡକ୍ଟର ବାବାଜୀ ଦାସଙ୍କ ଗଭୀର ପ୍ରବେଶ ରହିଥିଲା । ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସମାଲୋଚନା ସାହିତ୍ୟରେ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଶିକ୍ଷକ ଥିଲେ ଜଣେ ଜଣେ ଦିଗ୍‌ଗଜ ପଣ୍ଡିତ । ସେମାନଙ୍କ ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ ପଦ୍ଧତି ଯେପରି



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ମା ବୀଣାପାଣିଙ୍କର ଅଧିଷ୍ଠାନ ଭାବରେ 'ବାଣୀ ବିହାର' ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ଛାତ୍ର, ଜନସାଧାରଣ, ସାଧାରଣ ନାଗରିକ ତଥା ବୁଦ୍ଧିଜିବୀ ମହଲରେ ଏହା ବେଶ୍ ପରିଚିତ । ବାଣୀବିହାରର ପ୍ରତିଟି କୋଣ ଅନୁକୋଣର ଚିତ୍ର ଏଠାରେ ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ କରିଥିବା ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିମାନଙ୍କ ଚେତନାରେ ଯେଉଁଭଳି ଭାବରେ ଜଡ଼ିତ ହୋଇ ରହିଥାଏ, ତାହାକୁ କେବେହେଲେ ଅସ୍ୱୀକାର କରିହେବନାହିଁ । ଖାସ୍‌କରି ଏହାର ଶୈକ୍ଷିକ ବାତାବରଣ ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କୁ ଆକୃଷ୍ଟ କରିଥାଏ ଏଠାରେ ପାଠ ପଢ଼ିବା ପାଇଁ । ଏମିତି ହଜାର ହଜାର ଛାତ୍ରଙ୍କୁ ମଣିଷ କରି ଗଢ଼ି ତୋଳିବାରେ ଏହି ମଣିଷ ତିଆରି କାରଖାନାର ରହିଛି ଅଭୂତ ପୂର୍ବ ଯୋଗଦାନ । ଏହିଭଳି ଏକ ସାରସ୍ୱତ ପୁରାତନ ଶିକ୍ଷାନୁଷ୍ଠାନରେ ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ମୋର ବହୁଦିନ ପୂର୍ବରୁ ସ୍ୱପ୍ନ ଥିଲା । ଦ୍ୱାଦଶ ଶ୍ରେଣୀରେ ପଢୁଥିବା ବେଳେ ମୋର ଚେତନାରେ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଯେପରି ତାର ଛାୟା ମେଲି ଦେଇଥିଲା ଓ ଆସିବା ପାଇଁ କରୁଥିଲା ବାରମ୍ବାର ଅଦୃଶ୍ୟ ନିମନ୍ତ୍ରଣ । ସେହି ସ୍ୱପ୍ନ ପୂରଣ ହେଲା ୨୦୧୫ ମସିହାରେ ଯେତେବେଳେ ସ୍ନାତକ ସମାପ୍ତ ହୋଇ ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତରରେ ଏଣ୍ଟ୍ରାନ୍ସ ଦେବା ପାଇଁ ଆସିଥିଲି ବାଣୀବିହାର । କିନ୍ତୁ ଏଣ୍ଟ୍ରାନ୍ସ ଦେବାର ପୂର୍ବ ଦିନ ରାତି ରେ ମୁଁ ବୁଲି ଆସିଥିଲି ବାଣୀବିହାରକୁ ଏବଂ ଅନୁଭବ କରିଥିଲି ତାର ଅପରୂପ ଶୋଭାରାଜିକୁ । ସେ ଯାହାହେଉ ଏଣ୍ଟ୍ରାନ୍ସରେ ସଫଳତାର ସହ କୃତକାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ହେବାପରେ ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା ସାହିତ୍ୟ ବିଭାଗରେ ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ କରିବାର ସୁଯୋଗ ପାଇଲି । ସେହିଠାରେ ଜୀବନ ଯେପରି ଆଉ ଗୋଟିଏ ପାହାଚ ଅତିକ୍ରମ କଲାଭଳି ମନେ ହେଲା । ଜୀବନକୁ ଉତ୍ତମ ଭାବରେ ଚଳେଇ ନେବାର ଶିକ୍ଷା ଦେଇଥାଏ ଆମର ଏହି ବାଣୀବିହାର । ଜୀବନରେ ଯିଏ Adjustment କ'ଣ ଜାଣିନଥାଏ, ଏଠାକୁ ଆସିଲାପରେ ସେ ଜାଣିଥାଏ ଯେ ତାହା କ'ଣ । ଏଠାରେ ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ କରିଥିବା ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି ନିଜର ଜୀବନ ଯୁଦ୍ଧରେ କେବେବି ସହଜରେ ହାର୍ ମାନନ୍ତି ନାହିଁ । ବରଂ ଆଗକୁ ଆଗକୁ ଅକ୍ଳେଶରେ ସେମାନେ ବାଟ କଢ଼ାଇ ନିଅନ୍ତି ନିଜର ଜୀବନ ରୂପକ ନୌକାକୁ । ପ୍ରଥମରୁ କହିଥିଲି ଯେ ଏଠାରେ ଜୀବନ ଗୋଟିଏ ପାହାଚ ଅତିକ୍ରମ କରିଥିଲା । ଏଠାକୁ ଆସିବା ପରେ ନିଜ କାମ ନିଜକୁ କରିବାକୁ ପଡ଼ିଲା । ପୋଷାକ ପରିଧାନ ସଫା କରିବା ଠାରୁ ଆରମ୍ଭ କରି ରୋଷେଇ କରିବା ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ସବୁକାମ ନିଜେ କରିବାକୁ ପଡ଼ିଲା । ଏହା କରିବା ଦ୍ୱାରା ମୁଁ ପୂର୍ବରୁ ଯେଉଁ କର୍ମଠକ ଥିଲି, ଧୀରେ ଧୀରେ ସେଥିରୁ ନିବୃତ୍ତ ହେବାକୁ ଲାଗିଲି ।

ବାଣୀବିହାରର ପ୍ରତିକୋଣ ଅନୁକୋଣ ସହିତ ସଂପର୍କ ଯେମିତି ନିବିଡ଼ ହୋଇଯାଇଥିଲା । ଘରଦ୍ୱାର କଥା ମନେପଡ଼ିବାର ସମୟ ନଥିଲା । ଯେମିତି ମନେ ହେଉଥିଲା ବାଣୀବିହାର ହେଉଛି ମୋ ପରିବାର । ମନେ ଅଛି ଯେତେଥର ଘରକୁ ଯାଇଛି କୌଣସି ଥର ପାଞ୍ଚଦିନରୁ ଅଧିକା ଘରେ ରହିନାହିଁ ପୁଣି ଫେରିଆସିଛି ବାଣୀବିହାରକୁ । ପୁଣି ବାଣୀବିହାର ମଧ୍ୟ ବେଳେ ବେଳେ ଦଗା ଦିଏ ତାଠାରୁ କିଛି ଦିନ ପାଇଁ ଦୂରେଇ ଯିବାକୁ । ଛାତ୍ର ନିର୍ବାଚନ ବନ୍ଦ ହେବା କାରଣରୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟକୁ ଅନିର୍ଦ୍ଦିଷ୍ଟ କାଳ ପାଇଁ ବନ୍ଦ ଘୋଷଣା କରିଦଅନ୍ତି । କେବଳ ସେଇ ସମୟତକ ଘରେ ଗୋଡ଼ ମାଡ଼ି ରହିବା କଥା ନହେଲେ ଅନ୍ୟ କୌଣସି ସମୟରେ ମୁଁ ଘରେ ରହିନାହିଁ । ଏଠି ପ୍ରାୟ ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କ ସହିତ ମୋର ଉତ୍ତମରୂପେ ବନ୍ଧୁତା ଗଢ଼ି ଉଠିଥିଲା ।

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କିଛି ଭୁଲିବା, କିଛି ନ ଭୁଲିବାର ଗତାଗର .....

ଏ ବର୍ଷ (୨୦୧୯) ରେ ବାଣୀବିହାର (ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ) ୭୫ ବର୍ଷପୂର୍ତ୍ତି ଉପଲକ୍ଷେ୍ୟ ପ୍ଲାଟିନମ୍ ଜୁବୁଲି ପାଳନ କଲାବେଳେ ମୁଁ ସେହି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗର ଛାତ୍ରୀ ଭାବରେ ଦିନେ ପଢ଼ିଥିବାରୁ କିଛି ଲେଖିବାକୁ ବସିଲା ବେଳକୁ ପ୍ରାୟ ୩୭/୩୮ ବର୍ଷ ତଳକୁ ଫେରିଯାଇ ସ୍ମୃତିର ପୃଷ୍ଠା ଓଲଟାଉଛି । ଏ ଭିତରେ ସମୟ ଅନେକ ଆଗେଇ ସାରିଲାଣି । କୁଆଖିଆ ନଈରେ ଅନେକ ପାଣି ବୋହି ସାଇଲାଣି । ମୁଁ ବି ଆର ବର୍ଷ ଅବସର ନେବି । ତେବେ ବାଣୀବିହାରର କ୍ୟାମ୍ପସ୍, ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗ କଥା ଉଠିବାରୁ ମୁଁ ସତେକି ଛାତ୍ରୀ ଜୀବନର ତାରୁଣ୍ୟକୁ ଛୁଇଁ ଛୁଇଁ ଯାଉଛି । ଜୀବନ ବଦଳି ଯାଉଥିଲେ ବି ସ୍ଥିର ହୋଇ ରହିଯାଇଛି ଛାତ୍ରୀ ଜୀବନ, ଯାହା ବେଳେବେଳେ ଅଦିନିଆ ମୌସୁମୀ ଭଳି ହଠାତ୍ ପଶି ଆସେ ଓ ମୋତେ ଆନମନା କରିଦିଏ ।

ବାରିପଦାର ମହାରାଜା ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରୁ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଅନର୍ସରେ ପ୍ରଥମ ଶ୍ରେଣୀରେ ପ୍ରଥମ ହୋଇ ମୁଁ ୧୯୮୧ ରେ ଆସେ ବାଣୀବିହାରକୁ । ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତରରେ ଆଡ୍‌ମିସନ୍ ନିଏ । ସେତେବେଳେ ପ୍ରଫେସର ଥାଆନ୍ତି ଡକ୍ଟର ବଂଶୀଧର ମହାନ୍ତି । ପ୍ରାଧ୍ୟାପକ ଭାବରେ ଅବସ୍ଥାପିତ ହୋଇଥାନ୍ତି ଡକ୍ଟର କୃଷ୍ଣଚରଣ ସାହୁ, ଡକ୍ଟର ନିତ୍ୟାନନ୍ଦ ଶତ୍‌ପଥୀ, ଡକ୍ଟର ବୈଷ୍ଣବ ଚରଣ ସାମଲ, ଡକ୍ଟର ଆଶୁତୋଷ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ, ଡକ୍ଟର ବାସୁଦେବ ସାହୁ । ପରେ ଯୋଗ ଦିଅନ୍ତି ଡକ୍ଟର ସ୍ନେହଲତା ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ । ମୋତେ ସାକ୍ଷାତ୍‌କାରରେ ପଚରାଯାଇଥିଲା ରାଧାନାଥଙ୍କ କେଉଁ କାବ୍ୟରେ ମୟୂରଭଞ୍ଜର ମହାରାଜାଙ୍କ କଥା ରହିଛି ? ସେ ମହାରାଜା କିଏ ଥିଲେ ? କାବ୍ୟ ଚିଲିକା , ମହାରାଜା ଶ୍ରୀ ରାମଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ଭଞ୍ଜଦେଓ ବୋଲି ଉତ୍ତର ପାଇଲା ପରେ ସେମାନେ ଠିକ୍ ମୟୂରଭଞ୍ଜର ଝିଅ ବୋଲି ମନ୍ତବ୍ୟ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିଥିଲେ ।

ମୟୂରଭଞ୍ଜ ଭଳି ଏକ ଗଡ଼ଜାତ ରାଜ୍ୟ ଥିବା, ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ଉପାନ୍ତ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ଭାବରେ ପରିଚିତ ମୁଁ ବାରିପଦିଆଣି ପ୍ରଥମେ କୂଅରୁ ବାହାରି ସମୁଦ୍ରରେ ପାଦଦେଲାଭଳି ଅନୁଭୂତି ଆସିଲା ବାଣୀବିହାର କ୍ୟାମ୍ପସ୍‌ରେ ଆଡ୍‌ମିସନ୍ ହେଲା ପରେ । କିଛି ଦିନ ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱରରେ ବଡ଼ବାପାଙ୍କ ଘରେ ରହିଲା ପରେ ମୋତେ ପ୍ରଥମ ଛାତ୍ରୀ ନିବାସରେ ରହିବାର ଅନୁମତି ମିଳିଲା । ସେ ସମୟରେ ହିଁ ପ୍ରଥମ ଛାତ୍ରୀ ନିବାସର ନାଁ ରଖାଯାଇଥିଲା 'କୁନ୍ତଳା କୁମାରୀ ଛାତ୍ରୀନିବାସ' । ତତ୍ତ୍ୱାବଧାରିକା ଥିଲେ ପ୍ରଫେସର ରୀତା ରାୟ । ପରବର୍ତ୍ତୀ ସମୟରେ ଏହି ଛାତ୍ରୀ ନିବାସରୁ ପ୍ରକାଶ ପାଉଥିବା ମୁଖପତ୍ର 'ବାଣୀବନ୍ଦନା'ର ସମ୍ପାଦିକା ଦାୟିତ୍ୱ ନିଏ । ମୋ ସମୟରେ 'ବାଣୀବନ୍ଦନା' ଛପା ଯାଉଥିଲା ପ୍ରକାଶ ପାଉଥିବା ବିଖ୍ୟାତ ମହିଳା 'ସୁଚରିତା' ପ୍ରେସ୍‌ରେ । ଅନ୍ତେଃବାସିନୀଙ୍କ ଲେଖା ସହ ଏହାକୁ ଆଉଟିକେ ଓଜନଦାର ଓ ସ୍ମରଣୀୟ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ତତ୍ତ୍ୱାବଧାରିକାଙ୍କ ଅନୁମତି ନେଇ ମୁଁ କେତେଜଣ ବିଖ୍ୟାତ ସାହିତ୍ୟିକଙ୍କର ସାକ୍ଷାତ୍ ନେଇଥିଲି । ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କୁ ଏକ ପ୍ରକାର ଦଶଟି ପ୍ରଶ୍ନ ପଚାରିଥିଲି । ସେମାନେ ଥିଲେ କବି ରମାକାନ୍ତ ରଥ, ଔପନ୍ୟାସିକ ଦେବ୍ରାଜ ଲେଙ୍କା, ଗାଳ୍ପିକ ଅଖିଳ ମୋହନ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ, ସୁରେନ୍ଦ୍ର ମହାନ୍ତି, ରାମଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ବେହେରା ପ୍ରଭୃତି ।

ଆମ ସମୟରେ ବହୁ ଘଟଣା ବାଣୀବିହାରରେ ଘଟିଛି । ନିର୍ବାଚନ ସମୟରେ (କ୍ୟାମ୍ପସ୍‌ର) ହିଂସାକାଣ୍ଡ, ବସ୍‌ପୋଡ଼ି । ଏବେର ସଂସ୍କୃତି ସଚିବ ଶ୍ରୀଯୁକ୍ତ ବିଜୟ ନାୟକ ମୋ କ୍ଲାସ୍‌ମେଟ୍ ଥିଲେ । ପ୍ରେସିଡେଣ୍ଟ୍ ନିମନ୍ତେ ଠିଆ ହୋଇଥିଲେ । ତାଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ବାରିପଦିଆ, ବାଲେଶ୍ୱରିଆ, ଭଦ୍ରଖିଆ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀମାନେ ଲାଗି ପଡ଼ିଥିଲେ ଜିତାଇବା ପାଇଁ । ଶେଷରେ ବିଜୟ



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ଉଚ୍ଚ କର ଆଗ ନିଜ ମାତୃଭାଷା

ତେଣୁ ମାତୃଭାଷାକୁ ଉଚ୍ଚ କରିବା ଲାଗି ଉଚ୍ଚ ପାହାଚ ଚଢ଼ିବାକୁ ହେବ । ପ୍ରଫେସର ବଂଶୀଧର ମହାନ୍ତି ନାଥଧର୍ମ ପଢ଼ାଉଥିଲେ । ସେତେବେଳେ ସେ ହଷ୍ଟେଲ ଓ୍ୱାର୍ଡେନ୍ ଥିଲେ । ତାଙ୍କ ପରେ କୃଷ୍ଣସାହୁ ସାର ପ୍ରଫେସର ହେଲେ । ନିତ୍ୟାନନ୍ଦ ସାର ଟିକେ ଗମ୍ଭୀର ସ୍ୱଭାବ ଥିବାରୁ ତାଙ୍କ ରୁମ୍‌କୁ ଯିବାକୁ ଆମେ ସବୁ ଡରୁଥିଲୁ । ତଥାପି ଆଧୁନିକ ଗଳ୍ପ ଉପରେ କାମ କରିବାରୁ ମୁଁ ତାଙ୍କ ଅଧୀନରେ ଏମ.ଫିଲ୍ କଲି । ବୈଷ୍ଣବ ସାର୍ ସବୁ ବିଷୟରେ ଧୂରନ୍ଧର । ବୈଷ୍ଣବ ଧର୍ମ ଉପରେ ଆଶୁତୋଷ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ ଓ ଭାଷା ତତ୍ତ୍ୱ ଉପରେ ବାସୁସାରଙ୍କର ଗଭୀର ଜ୍ଞାନ ଥିଲା । ଏକ ସୌହାର୍ଦ୍ଦ୍ୟପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ବାତାବରଣ ବିଭାଗରେ ଆପାତତଃ ରହିଥିଲା । ମୁଁ ପୁଣି ଏମ୍.ଫିଲ୍‌ରେ ଆଡ୍‌ମିସନ୍ ନେଲି ୧୯୮୪ ରେ । ହଷ୍ଟେଲ ମିଳିଲା ଦ୍ୱିତୀୟ ଛାତ୍ରୀନିବାସରେ । ସେଠି ଦୁଇବର୍ଷ ପାଖାପାଖି କଟିଗଲା । ତେଣୁ ମୋଟାମୋଟି ଭାବରେ ବାଣୀବିହାରରେ ମୋର ପାଞ୍ଚବର୍ଷ ରହଣି । ସେମିନାର ହେଲେ ଆମେ ସବୁ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସାହିତ୍ୟର ବିଭିନ୍ନ ହସ୍ତୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ଦେଖି କୃତାର୍ଥ ହୋଇଯାଉ । ପ୍ରଫେସର ଗୋପାଳ ଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ମିଶ୍ର, ନାଟ୍ୟକାର ମନୋରଞ୍ଜନ ଦାସ, ଲୋକରତ୍ନ କୁଞ୍ଜବିହାରୀ ଦାଶ, ଗାଳ୍ପିକ କିଶୋରୀ ଚରଣ ଦାସ, ଶରତ ଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ପ୍ରଧାନ, ରାଜକିଶୋର ରାୟ, ଶ୍ରୀନିବାସ ଉଦ୍‌ଗାତା, ନାଟ୍ୟକାର ବିଜୟ ମିଶ୍ର ପ୍ରଭୃତି ବହୁ ଖ୍ୟାତନାମା ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିତ୍ୱଙ୍କୁ ଦେଖିବାର ସୁଯୋଗ ହୋଇଛି । ଏମ୍.ଫିଲ୍ ସହିତ ମୁଁ ମୋର ପି.ଏଚ୍. ଡି. କାମ ବି ଆରମ୍ଭ କରି ଦେଇଥିଲି । ମୋର ଗାଇଡ୍ ହେଲେ ପ୍ରଫେସର କୃଷ୍ଣ ଚରଣ ସାହୁ । ବିଷୟ ଥିଲା ଆଧୁନିକ କ୍ଷୁଦ୍ର ଗଳ୍ପ : (୧୯୬୦-୧୯୮୦) । ରିସର୍ଚ୍ଚ କାମରେ ପଢ଼ିଲା ବେଳେ ଆସୁଥିଲେ ସଂଘମିତ୍ରା ମିଶ୍ର ମାଡାମ୍ ।

ଘରଛାଡ଼ି ହଷ୍ଟେଲରେ ରହିବା ପ୍ରଥମ ଥିବାରୁ ଆମେ ଯେଉଁମାନେ ଛାତ୍ରୀନିବାସରେ ରହୁଥିଲୁ, ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତରରେ ପଢୁଥିଲୁ ସମସ୍ତେ ସତେ ଯେମିତି ପରିବାରଟିଏ ଭିତରେ ରହିଥିଲୁ । ଆଜି ଭଳି ଗୋଷ୍ଠୀ ବା ଗ୍ରୁପିଜିମ୍ ପ୍ରାୟ ନଥିଲା କହିଲେ ଚଳେ । କହିବା ବାହୁଲ୍ୟ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗରେ ଏକ ସୌହାର୍ଦ୍ଦ୍ୟ ବାତାବରଣ ଥିଲା । ଉପର ବ୍ୟାଚ୍‌କୁ ତଳ ବ୍ୟାଚ୍‌ମାନେ ଯେମିତି ମାନୁଥିଲେ ସେମିତି ତଳ ବ୍ୟାଚ୍‌ମାନଙ୍କୁ ବଡ଼ ଭାଇଭଉଣୀମାନେ ସ୍ନେହ, ଉପଦେଶ, ବହି, ନୋଟ୍‌ସ, ଦେବାରେ କାର୍ପଣ୍ୟ କରୁ ନଥିଲେ । ସେମିନାର ହେଉ ପିକ୍‌ନିକ୍ ସମସ୍ତେ ଉତ୍ସାହର ସହିତ ଲାଗିପଡୁଥିଲେ । ଏବେ ଆମ ବିଭାଗରେ କ'ଣ ଅବସ୍ଥା ଅଛି ମୋତେ ଜଣା ନାହିଁ । ତେବେ ମସିହା ଯେମିତି ବଦଳିଛି, ବାତାବରଣ ମଧ୍ୟ ବଦଳିଯିବା ସ୍ୱାଭାବିକ ।

ସେ ଯାହା ହେଉ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ତା'ର ୭୫ ବର୍ଷର ଉତ୍ସବ ପାଳୁଥିଲାବେଳେ ବାଣୀବିହାରର ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗର ଛାତ୍ରୀ ହିସାବରେ ନିଜକୁ ଗର୍ବିତ ମନେ କରୁଛି । ଯେତେବେଳେ ବି ବାଣୀବିହାର ଯାଏ ବିଭାଗରେ ପାଦଦେଲେ ଅଥବା ଦୂରରୁ ଦେଖିଲେ 'ମୋ ବିଭାଗ'ର ଭାବନା ଛାଏଁ ଛାଏଁ ଆସିଯାଏ । ବର୍ଷର ବହଳତାକୁ ଏଡ଼ାଇ ସେଦିନ ସବୁ ମୋ ଭିତରେ ଉଙ୍କିମାରେ । ଆଜିକାଲି ବାଣୀବିହାର ଅଚିହ୍ନା ପ୍ରେମିକା ଭଳି ଦୂରେଇ ଛିଡ଼ା ହୁଏ । ସାଙ୍ଗସାଥୀ କିଏ କୁଆଡ଼େ ହଜିଗଲେଣି । ଅନେକଙ୍କ ସହିତ ୩୫ ବର୍ଷ ପାରି ହୋଇଗଲିଣି ବି ଆଦୌ ଦେଖା ହୋଇନାହିଁ । ପୁଣି ଚେହେରା ଆଉ ସ୍ୱଭାବରେ ବହୁ ବହୁ ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତନ । ଜୀବନ ଆଗକୁ ଧାଉଁଛି । ପାଇ ହରାଇବା, ହରାଇ ପାରିବାର ଖେଳ ଭିତରେ କେତେ ହଜିଗଲେଣି, କେତେ କେବଳ ସ୍ମୃତିଟିଏ ହୋଇ ରହିଗଲେଣି । ତେବେ କ୍ୟାମ୍ପସ୍ ରହିଛି, ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ବୟସ ୭୫ରେ ପାଦଦେଇଛି । ତଦନୁସାରେ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ବିଭାଗର ମଧ୍ୟ ବୟସ ବଢ଼ିଛି । ମୁଁ ବି ଜୀବନର ମଧ୍ୟାହ୍ନ ପାରି ହୋଇଗଲିଣି । କାଲି ଥିବି କି ନାହିଁ କେଜାଣି । ତେବେ ଏତିକି ସତ ବାଣୀବିହାର ଥିବ, ଡିପାର୍ଟମେଣ୍ଟ ବି ଥିବ । ବଞ୍ଚିଥିବା ଯାଏଁ କେବେ ଯଦି ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ କଥା ପଡ଼ିବ, ସ୍ମୃତି ତାରୁଣ୍ୟ ଛୁଇଁ ତାଜା ହୋଇ ଉଠୁଥିବ । କାହିଁକିନା 'ସ୍ମୃତି ଯେ ପାଉଁଶ ତଳର ନିଆଁ !!!'

ସହଯୋଗୀ ପ୍ରଫେସର
ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା ଓ ସାହିତ୍ୟ ବିଭାଗ
ମହାରାଜା ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ସ୍ୱୟଂଶାସିତ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ, ତକତପୁର, ବାରିପଦା - ୭୫୭୦୦୩



ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ପ୍ରଥମ ବର୍ଷରେ ପଢୁଥିବାବେଳେ ମୁଁ ଏବଂ ମୋର ବନ୍ଧୁ ବଳରାମ ଲେଙ୍କା, ସନ୍ତୋଷ ନାୟକ ଆମ ତିନିଜଣଙ୍କ ପରିକଳ୍ପନାରେ ଯେଉଁ ରାଗାଗ୍ରୁପ୍ ଗଢ଼ିଉଠିଥିଲା ଆଜି ତାହା ଜୀବିତ ଥିବାର ଦେଖି ବହୁତ ଖୁସି ଲାଗୁଛି । ଏହା ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଯେ ଚାରିବର୍ଷ କିଭଳି କଟିଗଲାଣି ତାହା ଭାବିଲା ବେଳକୁ ବଡ଼ ଦୁଃଖ ଲାଗେ । ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କ ସହିତ ଆତ୍ମିକ ସ୍ତରରେ ଯେଉଁ ସଂପର୍କ ଗଢ଼ିଉଠିଥିଲା ତାହା କେବେବି ଭାଙ୍ଗିବ ନାହିଁ । ସେମାନେ ଆଜି ହୁଏତ ପାଖରେ ନାହାନ୍ତି କିନ୍ତୁ ସେମାନଙ୍କ ସ୍ମୃତି ସବୁବେଳେ ମନେ ରହିବ । ତାଳପଦେଶ୍ୱରୀ ମନ୍ଦିର, ଶିବ ମନ୍ଦିର ଠାରୁ ଆରମ୍ଭ କରି କ୍ରିକେଟ୍ ପଡ଼ିଆ, ପରିଜା ପାଠାଗାର, ଗୋବିନ୍ଦ ସାହୁ ମାର୍କେଟ୍, ଅଳକା ମାର୍କେଟ, ଗୋପବନ୍ଧୁ ଛାତ୍ରାବାସ, ମଧୁସୂଦନ ଛାତ୍ରାବାସ, ଫକୀରମୋହନ ଛାତ୍ରାବାସ, ଗୋଦାବରୀଶ ଛାତ୍ରାବାସ, ନୀଳକଣ୍ଠ ଛାତ୍ରାବାସ, ପିଜି କାଉନ୍ସିଲ୍ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକଟି କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଜଡ଼ିତ ସଂପର୍କ ଜୀବନର ଶେଷ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଜୀବିତ ହୋଇ ରହିବ । ତେଣୁ ଗୋଟିଏ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ କେହି କେବେ ସ୍ଥିର ହୋଇ ରହିନାହିଁ, ତାକୁ ଯିବାକୁ ପଡ଼ିଛି ତାର କର୍ମସ୍ଥଳ ଅନ୍ୱେଷଣରେ । ତେଣୁ ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର, କଳାଭୂଷଣ, ପ୍ରି.ପିଏଚ.ଡି ସରିବା ପରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଲୋକସେବା ଆୟୋଗ ଦ୍ୱାରା ମନୋନୀତ ସହକାରୀ ପ୍ରଫେସର ଚାକିରିରେ ଯୋଗଦେବାକୁ ପଡ଼ିଛି କିଛି ଦିନ ପାଇଁ । ଆଜି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ତାର ପ୍ଲାଟିନମ୍ ଜୁବୁଲି ପାଳନ କରୁଥିବାରୁ ବହୁତ ଖୁସିଲାଗିଲା । ଶେଷରେ କେବଳ ଏତିକି କହିବି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପୂର୍ବରୁ ଯେଉଁ ଶୈକ୍ଷିକ ବାତାବରଣ ବଜାୟ ରଖିଥିଲା ତାହାକୁ ସେହିଭଳି ବଜାୟ ରଖୁ ଏବଂ ନୂତନ ଆଶା ଉନ୍ମାଦନା ନେଇ ଆସିଥିବା ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ଉତ୍ତମ ମଣିଷ କରିଗଢ଼ି ତୋଳିବାରେ ତାହା ସମର୍ଥ ହେଉ ।

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ପୂର୍ବେ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଉତ୍କଳ ଓ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ନାମରେ ପରିଚିତ ଥିଲା । ଅଶୋକ ଯେଉଁ କଳିଙ୍ଗକୁ ଜୟ କରିଥିଲେ ତାହା ଏହି ଆଧୁନିକ ଓଡ଼ିଶାରେ । ପରନ୍ତୁ ଆଜିର ଆଧୁନିକ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ବା ନବନିର୍ମିତ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଓ ଐତିହାସିକ ଉତ୍କଳ ବା କଳିଙ୍ଗ ନାମରେ ବିରାଟ ପ୍ରଭେଦପରିଲକ୍ଷିତ ହୋଇଥାଏ । ଉତ୍କଳ ବା କଳିଙ୍ଗର ସ୍ୱାଭାବିକ ସୀମା ଶତାବ୍ଦୀ ଶତାବ୍ଦୀ ଧରି ଗଙ୍ଗାଠାରୁ ଗୋଦାବରୀ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ପରିବ୍ୟାପ୍ତ ଥିଲା । ତେଣୁ ପରା ଉତ୍କଳଗୌରବ ମଧୁସୂଦନ ଲେଖିଥିଲେ - "..... ତୋ ପୂର୍ବ ପୁରୁଷ ଜୟ କରିଥିଲେ ଗଙ୍ଗା ଠାରୁ ଗୋଦାବରୀ ... ।"

ଆଜିର ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସେହି ପୂର୍ବ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ଅଧେ ମାତ୍ର କହିଲେ ଚଳେ । ଏ ବିଷୟରେ "A Journey to Odisha" ପୁସ୍ତକରେ ଉଲ୍ଲେଖ ଅଛି - "The modern state of Orissa which came to be constituted as such on April 1, 1936, is a land with a hoary past. In terms of history, it is the heart land of ancient and powerful kingdoms as Kalinga, Utkala, Odra, Kosala, Tosali and Kangoda. From the early 15th Century onwards it has come to be consistently called 'Odisha' both in official and private records. Since 'Kalinga' associated with Orissa's overall prosperity and maritime glory in its early history and Utkal with its rich sculptural and artistic excellence in the subsequent periods; the two names are still evoked honour to designate the whole of Orissa. On similar grounds "Kosala" too is applied to its western part while other names have been relegated to the pages of history."

ମୁଖ୍ୟତଃ କଟକ, ପୁରୀ, ବାଲେଶ୍ୱର ଜିଲ୍ଲା କଳିଙ୍ଗ ନାମରେ ଅଭିହିତ ଥିଲା ବୋଲି କେତେକ ଗବେଷକ ମତପୋଷଣ କରିଛନ୍ତି । କଳିଙ୍ଗ ଗଞ୍ଜାମଠାରୁ ୨୦୦ ବା ୩୦୦ ମାଇଲ୍ ଦୂରରେ ଅବସ୍ଥିତ ବୋଲି ହୁଏନ୍‌ସାଂ ତାଙ୍କର ମତ ପ୍ରଦାନ କରିଯାଇଛନ୍ତି । ଏକାଦଶ ଶତକର ଶେଷଭାଗକୁ ଉତ୍କଳ ଦେଶ ଉତ୍ତରରେ ମେଦିନୀପୁର ଠାରୁ ଦକ୍ଷିଣରେ ଋଷିକୁଲ୍ୟା ନଦୀ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ବିସ୍ତୃତ ଥିଲା ଏବଂ ଋଷିକୁଲ୍ୟାଠାରୁ ସୀମାଚଳ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଭୂଭାଗକୁ କଳିଙ୍ଗ କୁହାଯାଇଥିଲା । ଦ୍ୱାଦଶ ଶତକର ପ୍ରାରମ୍ଭରେ ଦକ୍ଷିଣ କଳିଙ୍ଗର ରାଜା ଅନନ୍ତବର୍ମା ଚୋଡ଼ଗଙ୍ଗ ଉଭୟ ଉତ୍କଳ ଓ ଉଡ୍ରଦେଶ ଜୟକରି ୧୧୩୫ ଖ୍ରୀ.ଅ.ରେ ନିଜ ରାଜଧାନୀ ମୁଖଲିଙ୍ଗମ୍ (ପାରଳାଖେମୁଣ୍ଡି)ରୁ କଟକକୁ ଉଠାଇ ଆଣିଲେ, ଯାହାଫଳରେ ପୁଣି ସମଗ୍ର ଉଡ୍ର, ଉତ୍କଳ ଓ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ରାଜ୍ୟ ମିଶି କଳିଙ୍ଗ ନାମରେ ପରିଚିତ ହେଲା । ୧୫ଶ ଶତାବ୍ଦୀର ଆରମ୍ଭ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଗଙ୍ଗବଂଶୀ ରାଜାମାନଙ୍କର ଶାସନ ସମୟରେ ଦେଶର ନାମ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ଓ ଉତ୍କଳ - ଏହି ଦୁଇପ୍ରକାର ଥିବା ତାମ୍ରଶାସନମାନଙ୍କରୁ ଜଣାଯାଏ । ଏହାର ବହୁ ବର୍ଷପୂର୍ବରୁ ଖ୍ରୀ.ପୂ. ୨୬୧ରେ ଯେତେବେଳେ ଅଶୋକ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ଜୟ କଲେ ସେତେବେଳେ ଏହାର ରାଜଧାନୀ ଥିଲା ତୋଷାଳି । ଏହାର କିଛିଦିନ ପରେ ଐରବଂଶର ନଅଜଣ ରାଜା କଳିଙ୍ଗରେ ରାଜତ୍ୱ କଲେ । ଏହି ବଂଶର ଶେଷ ରାଜା ଥିଲେ ଖାରବେଳ । ତାଙ୍କ ଅନ୍ତେ ଆନ୍ଧ୍ରମାନେ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ଅଧିକାର କଲେ । ଖ୍ରୀ.ପୂ. ୨୨୫ରେ ଆନ୍ଧ୍ରମାନଙ୍କ କ୍ଷମତା ଲୋପ ପାଇଲା ଏବଂ ଏହା କୁଶାଣ ସାମ୍ରାଜ୍ୟଭୁକ୍ତ ହେଲା । ସେତେବେଳେ ଭୌମବଂଶୀୟ ରାଜାମାନେ କଳିଙ୍ଗରେ ରାଜତ୍ୱ କରୁଥିଲେ । କୁହାଯାଏ ୧୦ମ ଶତାବ୍ଦୀ ବେଳକୁ ସୋମବଂଶୀୟ ରାଜା ଜନ୍ମେଜୟ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ଅଧିକାର କଲେ ଏବଂ ଏହାପରଠାରୁ 'କଳିଙ୍ଗ'ର ନାମ ହେଲା 'ଉତ୍କଳ'; କିନ୍ତୁ ଅନ୍ୟ କେତେକ ଐତିହାସିକ ମତପୋଷଣ କରନ୍ତି କି ପଞ୍ଚଦଶ ଶତାବ୍ଦୀରେ ସୂର୍ଯ୍ୟବଂଶୀୟ ସମ୍ରାଟ କପିଳେନ୍ଦ୍ରଦେବଙ୍କ ସମୟରୁ ଏହି ଦେଶର ନାମ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତେ ଉତ୍କଳ ବୋଲି ବ୍ୟବହୃତ ହେଲା ।

କନ୍ନଡ଼ଭାଷାରେ 'କୁଳିଙ୍ଗ' ଶବ୍ଦର ଅର୍ଥ 'ଧାନ' । ତେଣୁ ଯେଉଁମାନେ କୃଷି କରି ଧାନ ଫସଲ ଆବାଦ କରନ୍ତି ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ 'କଳିଙ୍ଗ' କୁହାଯାଏ । ପୂର୍ବେ ଏହି ଦେଶରେ ପ୍ରଚୁର ଭାବେ ଧାନ ଚାଷ କରାଯାଉଥିବାରୁ ଏହି ସ୍ଥାନର ଅଧିବାସୀମାନଙ୍କୁ 'କଳିଙ୍ଗ' ଏବଂ ଏହି ରାଜ୍ୟକୁ 'କଳିଙ୍ଗ' କୁହାଯାଉଥିବା କଥା କେତେକ ଗବେଷକ ମତପୋଷଣ କରନ୍ତି ।

ବୈଦିକ ସଂହିତାମାନଙ୍କରେ କଳିଙ୍ଗର ସାକ୍ଷାତ୍ ଉଲ୍ଲେଖ ନଥିଲେ ମଧ୍ୟ କକ୍ଷୀବାନ୍ ଋଷି କଳିଙ୍ଗ ଦେଶର ରାଣୀଙ୍କର ଦାସୀପୁତ୍ର ବୋଲି ପ୍ରସିଦ୍ଧ ବେଦଭାଷ୍ୟକାର ସାୟଣାଚାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଉଲ୍ଲେଖ କରିଛନ୍ତି ।

ମହାଭାରତର ଆଦି ପର୍ବରେ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ଅଛି ଯେ ଦୀର୍ଘତମ ଋଷିଙ୍କର ଔରସରେ ବଳୀଙ୍କର ରାଣୀ ସୁଦେଷ୍ଣାଙ୍କ ଗର୍ଭରୁ ଅଙ୍ଗ, ବଙ୍ଗ, କଳିଙ୍ଗ, ପୁଣ୍ଡ୍ର ଓ ସୁହ୍ମ ଏହି ପାଞ୍ଚଗୋଟି ପୁତ୍ର ଜନ୍ମ ନେଇ ପରବର୍ତ୍ତୀ ସମୟରେ ପାଞ୍ଚଗୋଟି ପ୍ରଦେଶରେ ରାଜା ହୋଇଥିଲେ ଏବଂ ସେମାନଙ୍କ ନାମାନୁସାରେ 'କଳିଙ୍ଗ' ଆଦି ରାଜ୍ୟମାନଙ୍କର ନାମକରଣ କରାଯାଇଥିଲା । ତେଣୁ ମହାଭାରତର ଆଦି ପର୍ବର ଶ୍ଳୋକଦ୍ୱୟକୁ (ଆଦି/୧୦୪/୪୯-୫୦) ଉଦ୍ଧାର କରି 'ଶବ୍ଦକଳ୍ପଦ୍ରୁମ – ୨ୟ ଖଣ୍ଡ ପୃଷ୍ଠା-୬୨'ରେ ରାଜା ରାଧାକାନ୍ତ ଦେବ ଲେଖିଛନ୍ତି – "କଳିଙ୍ଗ-ସ୍ୱନାମଖ୍ୟାତୋ ନୃପତି ବିଶେଷଃ । ଅସ୍ୟ ନାମାନୁସାରେଣୈବ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ଇତି ଦେଶାଖ୍ୟା ଜାତା । ଯଦୁକ୍ତଂ ମହାଭାରତେ –

"ଅଙ୍ଗୋ ବଙ୍ଗଃ କଳିଙ୍ଗଶ୍ଚ, ପୁଣ୍ଡ୍ରଃ ସୁହ୍ମଶ୍ଚ ତେ ସୁତାଃ ।
ତେଷାଂ ଦେଶାଃ ସମାଖ୍ୟାତାଃ ସ୍ୱନାମପ୍ରଥିତା ଭୁବି ॥
ଅଙ୍ଗସ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗୋଽଭବଦ୍ଦେଶୋ ବଙ୍ଗେ ବଙ୍ଗସ୍ୟ ଚ ସ୍ମୃତଃ ।
କଳିଙ୍ଗବିଷୟଶ୍ଚୈବ କଳିଙ୍ଗସ୍ୟ ଚ ସ୍ମୃତଃ ॥"

ଏହି କଥା ବ୍ରହ୍ମାଣ୍ଡ ପୁରାଣ (୩/୪୭//୨୮,୮୭), ମତ୍ସ୍ୟପୁରାଣ (୪୮/୨୫), ବାୟୁପୁରାଣ (୯୯/୨୮) ଓ ବିଷ୍ଣୁପୁରାଣ (୪/୧୮/୧୩-୧୪)ରେ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ଅଛି । ମହାଭାରତରେ ବହୁସ୍ଥାନରେ କଳିଙ୍ଗରାଜ୍ୟ, କଳିଙ୍ଗାଧିବାସୀ ତଥା କଳିଙ୍ଗରାଜାଙ୍କ କଥା ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ହୋଇଛି । ମହାଭାରତର ବର୍ଣ୍ଣାନୁସାରେ ବୈତରଣୀ ନଦୀଠାରୁ ମହେନ୍ଦ୍ରାଚଳ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଦେଶର ନାମ ହେଉଛି 'କଳିଙ୍ଗ' । ଏହାର ରାଜଧାନୀ ଥିଲା 'ରାଜପୁରୀ' । ଏହି ବୈତରଣୀ ନଦୀ ଓ ମହେନ୍ଦ୍ର ପର୍ବତ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ସୁଦ୍ଧା ଓଡ଼ିଶାରେ ଅବସ୍ଥିତ । 'ବୈତରଣୀ'କୁ 'ଉତ୍କଳର ଗଙ୍ଗା' ନାମରେ ଅଭିହିତ କରାଯାଏ ଏହାର ପବିତ୍ରକରଣତ୍ୱ ପାଇଁ । ତେଣୁ କେହି କେହି ପଣ୍ଡିତ ମଧୁବାବୁଙ୍କ ପଦ୍ୟ ଯଥା – "... ତୋ ପୂର୍ବପୁରୁଷ ଜୟ କରିଥିଲେ ଗଙ୍ଗା ଠାରୁ ଗୋଦାବରୀ ..."ରେ 'ଗଙ୍ଗା' ବୈତରଣୀକୁ ଆଖ୍ୟାୟିତ କରି କୁହାଯାଇଛି ବୋଲି କହିଥାଆନ୍ତି । ଯୁଧିଷ୍ଠିର ତାଙ୍କର ତୀର୍ଥଯାତ୍ରା କରିବା ସମୟରେ ଏ ଦେଶରେ ଆସି ପହଞ୍ଚିଥିଲେ ବୋଲି ବର୍ଣ୍ଣନା ଅଛି (ବନ.୧୧୪/୩,୪) । କ୍ରୋଧବଶ ନାମକ ଦୈତ୍ୟଗଣଙ୍କଠାରୁ ଉତ୍ପନ୍ନ ହୋଇଥିବା ରାଜାମାନଙ୍କ ସହିତ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ନରେଶ କୁହରଙ୍କର ଉଲ୍ଲେଖ ମିଳିଥାଏ (ଆଦି/୬୭/୬୫) । ତେଣୁ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ଅଛି – "କଳିଙ୍ଗବିଷୟଶ୍ଚୈବ କଳିଙ୍ଗସ୍ୟ ଚସ୍ମୃତଃ ।' (ଆଦି/୧୦୪/୫୪) । ଏହି ରାଜାମାନଙ୍କ ସହ କଳିଙ୍ଗରାଜ ଅର୍ଜୁନଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ବିଜିତ ହୋଇଥିବା କଥା ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ଅଛି (ଆଦି/୨୧୫/୯) – "କଳିଙ୍ଗରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରଦ୍ୱାରେଷୁ ବ୍ରାହ୍ମଣାଃ ପାଣ୍ଡବାନୁଗାଃ" (ଆଦି ୨୧୫/୧୦), 'କଳିଙ୍ଗାନ୍' (ଆଦି/୨୧୫/୧୨), ସହଦେବ ନିଜର ଦିଗ୍‌ବିଜୟ ଅବସରରେ ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ପରାସ୍ତ କରିଥିବା କଥା ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ଅଛି (ସଭା/୫୨/୧୮) ମହାଭାରତ ଯୁଦ୍ଧରେ କଳିଙ୍ଗରାଜା ଶ୍ରୁତାୟୁ ଦ୍ରୋଣଙ୍କ ସେନାର ଦକ୍ଷିଣଭାଗରେ ରହି ପାଣ୍ଡବଙ୍କ ବିରୁଦ୍ଧରେ ଯୁଦ୍ଧ କରୁଥିଲେ; ପରନ୍ତୁ ଭୀମସେନ ଶ୍ରୁତାୟୁଙ୍କୁ ବଧ କରିଥିଲେ । (ଭୀଷ୍ମ୫୪/୧୦୪) । ଦୁର୍ଯ୍ୟୋଧନଙ୍କ ସେନାରେ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ସୈନ୍ୟ ଓ କଳିଙ୍ଗରାଜ ଯୋଗଦେବା କଥା ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ଅଛି (ଭୀଷ୍ମ/୧୭/୩୨) । ଏହି କଳିଙ୍ଗମାନଙ୍କର ବିରାଟ ସୈନ୍ୟବାହିନୀ ଥିବା କଥା ମହାଭାରତରେ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ଅଛି (ଭୀଷ୍ମ/୫୪/୪) । ମହାଭାରତ ଯୁଦ୍ଧରେ କୌରବ ପକ୍ଷରେ ରହିବା, ପାଣ୍ଡବମାନଙ୍କ ବିରୁଦ୍ଧରେ ଅସ୍ତ୍ରଧାରଣ କରିବା ଏବଂ ଭିନ୍ନ ଭିନ୍ନ ସମୟରେ ଏହି କଳିଙ୍ଗ ସୈନ୍ୟ, କଳିଙ୍ଗ ରାଜା, କଳିଙ୍ଗରାଜପୁତ୍ର ପ୍ରଭୃତି ଭୀମ, ଅର୍ଜୁନ, ସହଦେବ ପ୍ରଭୃତିଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ପର୍ଯ୍ୟାୟକ୍ରମେ ଯୁଦ୍ଧ କରି ମୃତ୍ୟୁବରଣ କରିଥିଲେ । କଳିଙ୍ଗ ସେନାଙ୍କର ଯୁଦ୍ଧକୌଶଳ, ପରାକ୍ରମଶୀଳତା, ସାହସ ଥିଲା ଅବର୍ଣ୍ଣନୀୟ । ଏସବୁ ବିଷୟ ଉଦ୍ୟୋଗ/୨୩/୪, ୨୪;;୫୧/୧୯; ୫୦/୩୬; ଭୀଷ୍ମ/୬/୫୩/୩୮, ୪୧;୫୪/୧୦୪; ୧୧୭/୩୨; ଦ୍ରୋଣ/୪/୮; ୧୧/୧୫; ୨୦/୬; ୨୦/୧୦; ୭୦/୧୨; ୧୪୧/୧୦;୧୫୫/୨୧, ୨୩; ୧୯୩/୧୩; କର୍ଣ୍ଣ/୫/୩୪; ୮/୨୦; ୧୭/୧୨; ୨୨/୩;-୨୨/୨୧ ଆଦି ବିଭିନ୍ନ ପର୍ବରେ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ହୋଇଛି । ବର୍ଣ୍ଣନା ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗରେ ଏପରି ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ଅଛି ଯେ ଭୀମ ଓ ଧୃଷ୍ଟଦ୍ୟୁମ୍ନଙ୍କ ଆକ୍ରମଣରୁ ଦ୍ରୋଣଙ୍କୁ ରକ୍ଷା କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଦୁର୍ଯ୍ୟୋଧନ କଳିଙ୍ଗରାଜଙ୍କୁ ଆଦେଶ ଦେଲେ । କୌରବମାନଙ୍କର ଏଗାର ଅକ୍ଷୌହିଣୀ ସୈନ୍ୟଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ବିପୁଳ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ସେନା ଏକ ଅକ୍ଷୌହିଣୀ ଥିଲା । ଗଜ, ଅଶ୍ୱ, ରଥ, ପଦାତି ବିଶିଷ୍ଟ ଏହି ଚତୁରଙ୍ଗ ବଳର ଯୁଦ୍ଧ କୌଶଳ ଅତ୍ୟନ୍ତ ପ୍ରଶଂସନୀୟ ଥିଲା ଓ କଳିଙ୍ଗର ନିଷାଦଯୋଦ୍ଧାମାନେ ନିଜର ପ୍ରଚଣ୍ଡ ବୀରତ୍ୱ ଓ ସାହସ ପାଇଁ ସୁପ୍ରସିଦ୍ଧ ଥିଲେ । ଯେତେବେଳେ ବିରାଟ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ସେନା ଭୀମଙ୍କ ସହ ଲଢ଼ିବାକୁ ଆସିଲେ ସେତେବେଳେ ଅତ୍ୟନ୍ତ ପରାକ୍ରମଶାଳୀ ଶତାୟୁ ଓ କେତୁମାନ ଏମାନଙ୍କ ସହ ଆସିଥିଲେ ଯେଉଁ ଦୁଇଜଣଙ୍କ ଏକ



ହଜାର ରାଜାଙ୍କର ଅଧିପତି ଥିଲେ । ଉଭୟଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଏପରି ଭୀଷଣ ଘନଘଟା ସଂଗ୍ରାମ ହେଲା ଯାହା କି ପୂର୍ବର ଦୁଇଦିନର ଯୁଦ୍ଧ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଏପରି ହୋଇ ନଥିଲା । କବି ଏହାକୁ ଦେବାସୁରଙ୍କ ଯୁଦ୍ଧ ସହିତ ତୁଳନା କରିଛନ୍ତି । ସୈନ୍ୟମାନଙ୍କ ରେରେକାର ଶବ୍ଦ ଓ ଅଶ୍ୱ, ହସ୍ତୀଙ୍କ ଗର୍ଜନ ସାଗରଗର୍ଜନଠାରୁ ବଳିଗଲା । ଅଳ୍ପକାଳ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଧରଣୀ ମାଂସରକ୍ତରେ କର୍ଦ୍ଦମାକ୍ତ ହୋଇଗଲା । ଭୀମଙ୍କୁ ସାହାଯ୍ୟ କରୁଥିବା ଚେଦି ଓ ମତ୍ସ୍ୟସେନାମାନେ କଳିଙ୍ଗସେନା ସହିତ ଯୁଦ୍ଧ କରି ନପାରି ପଳାଇଯାଇଥିଲେ । କଳିଙ୍ଗରାଜପୁତ୍ର ଶକ୍ତିଦେବ ଭୀମଙ୍କୁ ଆକ୍ରମଣ କରି ଅଗଣିତ ଶର ନିକ୍ଷେପ କଲେ ଓ ତାଙ୍କର ରଥ, ଅଶ୍ୱମାନଙ୍କୁ ନିହତ କଲେ । ନିଜର ସୈନ୍ୟମାନଙ୍କର ପୃଷ୍ଠଭଙ୍ଗ ଓ ଅଶ୍ୱମାନଙ୍କ ବିନାଶ ଦେଖି ଭୀମଙ୍କ କ୍ରୋଧର ସୀମା ରହିଲା ନାହିଁ । ସେ ଏକ ପ୍ରଚଣ୍ଡ ଲୌହମୟ ଗଦା ଶକ୍ତିଦେବଙ୍କ ଉପରକୁ ନିକ୍ଷେପ କଲେ । ଏହି ଗଦାଘାତରେ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ରାଜପୁତ୍ର ରଥ ଓ ସାରଥୀ ସହ ଧରାଶାୟୀ ହେଲେ । ନିଜ ପୁତ୍ରର ପତନ ଦେଖି କଳିଙ୍ଗରାଜ ସମସ୍ତ ରଥୀଙ୍କୁ ଧରି ଭୀମଙ୍କୁ ଘେରିଗଲେ । ତାଙ୍କ ଧନୁରୁ ସର୍ପପରି ଏକ ଭୟାନକ ଅସ୍ତ୍ର ନିକ୍ଷିପ୍ତ ହେଲା, କିନ୍ତୁ ଭୀମ ଏକ ସୁବର୍ଣ୍ଣ ଖଚିତ ମହାନ୍ ଖଡ୍‌ଗ ଦ୍ୱାରା ତାକୁ ଛେଦନ କଲେ । ପିତାଙ୍କୁ ସାହାଯ୍ୟ କରିବା ପାଇଁ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ରାଜପୁତ୍ର ଭାନୁମାନ୍ ବାଣ ବର୍ଷଣ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଭୀମଙ୍କୁ ଆଚ୍ଛନ୍ନ କଲେ ଓ ସିଂହନାଦକରି ପାଣ୍ଡବସୈନ୍ୟଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଭୟ ସଂଚାର କଲେ । ଭୀମ ଏହାକୁ ସହି ନପାରି କ୍ଷିପ୍ରଗତିରେ ଭାନୁମାନ୍‌ଙ୍କ ହାତୀ ଉପରକୁ ଚଢିଗଲେ ଓ ରାଜପୁତ୍ରଙ୍କୁ ଖଡ୍‌ଗରେ ଭୂଶାୟୀ କଲେ । ଏପରିସ୍ଥିତିରେ ସାହସ ସଞ୍ଚୟ କରି ଅତି ଧୈର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଓ ପରାକ୍ରମସହ କଳିଙ୍ଗରାଜ ଓ ତାଙ୍କର ବୀରପୁତ୍ର କେତୁମାନ୍ ଶରବୃଷ୍ଟି କରି ଭୀମଙ୍କୁ ଆକ୍ରମଣ କଲେ । ଭୀମଙ୍କ ଦେହରୁ ରକ୍ତଧାର ବହିବାକୁ ଲାଗିଲା ମାତ୍ର ଯୋଦ୍ଧା ବୃକୋଦର ଏକ ବୃହତ୍ କୋଦଣ୍ଡ ଧାରଣପୂର୍ବକ ସଙ୍ଗେ ସଙ୍ଗେ ତିନିଗୋଟି ଶାଣିତ ଶର ନିକ୍ଷେପ କରି କେତୁମାନଙ୍କୁ ନିହତ କଲେ ଏବଂ ଗଦା ଧାରଣ କରି ତତ୍‌କ୍ଷଣାତ୍ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ସେନା ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଏକ ଧ୍ୱଂସର ଝଡ଼ ସୃଷ୍ଟି କଲେ । ସହସ୍ର ସହସ୍ର କଳିଙ୍ଗ ସୈନ୍ୟ - ଅଶ୍ୱ, ଗଜ ଓ ରଥୀମାନଙ୍କ ସହିତ ସେଦିନ ଭୂପତିତ ହେଲେ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ସୈନ୍ୟଗଣ ଯୁଦ୍ଧଭୂମି ଛାଡ଼ି ପଳାଇ ଯାଇନଥିଲେ । ଏହିପରି ବହୁ ଅଦ୍ଭୁତ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣନାରୁ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ସୈନ୍ୟମାନଙ୍କର ସେସମୟର ବୀରତ୍ୱର ପରାକାଷ୍ଠା ସହଜରେ ଅନୁମିତ ହୋଇଥାଏ । ମହାକବି କାଳିଦାସ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ସେନାଙ୍କ ସାହସିକତାର ପରିଚୟ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ତାଙ୍କ ପ୍ରସିଦ୍ଧ 'ରଘୁବଂଶମ୍' କାବ୍ୟରେ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣନା କରିଛନ୍ତି । ରଘୁବଂଶରୁ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଜଣାଯାଏ ଯେ ଦିଗ୍‌ବିଜୟୀ ଧର୍ମଯୋଦ୍ଧା ରଘୁଙ୍କର ସୈନ୍ୟମାନେ କପିଶା (ମେଦିନୀପୁର କଂସାଇନଦୀ) ପାର ହେବାପରେ ଉତ୍କଳୀୟମାନେ ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ଆଡ଼କୁ ବାଟ ଦେଖାଇଥିଲେ ଓ ରଘୁଙ୍କ ସୈନ୍ୟମାନେ ଗଞ୍ଜାମର ମହେନ୍ଦ୍ରପର୍ବତ ନିକଟରେ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ରାଜାଙ୍କ ସହିତ ଯୁଦ୍ଧ କରିଥିଲେ । ଯଯାତିଙ୍କ ଶାସନପତ୍ରରୁ ଜଣାଯାଏ ଯେ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ରାଜ୍ୟ ଉତ୍କଳ, କଳିଙ୍ଗ ଓ କଙ୍ଗୋଦ- ଏହି ତିନିଗୋଟି ରାଜ୍ୟକୁ ନେଇ ଗଢାଯାଇଥିଲା ଏବଂ ଏହାକୁ 'ତ୍ରିକଳିଙ୍ଗ' କୁହାଯାଉଥିଲା ।

'ରାମାୟଣ'ରେ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ଦେଶ ବିଷୟରେ ସେପରି ବିଶେଷ କିଛି ବର୍ଣ୍ଣନା ଦେଖିବାକୁ ନମିଳିଲେ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଏହାର 'କିଷ୍କିନ୍ଧାକାଣ୍ଡ'ରେ କଳିଙ୍ଗର ସ୍ଥିତି ଦକ୍ଷିଣରେ ଅବସ୍ଥିତ ଥିଲା ବୋଲି ଉଲ୍ଲେଖ ଅଛି । ମହାଭାରତ ପରି ବହୁପୁରାଣରେ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ଅଛି ଯେ କଳିଙ୍ଗର ଅଧିବାସୀଙ୍କୁ 'କଳିଙ୍ଗ' କୁହାଯାଏ ଓ ଏମାନେ ସେହି ସୁଦେଷ୍ଣା ଓ ଦୀର୍ଘତମାଙ୍କର ବଂଶଜ ଥିଲେ । ଏ ସମସ୍ତେ ଦକ୍ଷିଣାପଥର ନିବାସୀ ବୋଲି ଭାଗବତପୁରାଣ (୯/୨୩/୫), ମତ୍ସ୍ୟପୁରାଣ (୧୧୪/୩୬/୪୭), ବାୟୁପୁରାଣ (୪୫/୧୨୫), ବିଷ୍ଣୁପୁରାଣ (୨/୩/୧୬) ମାନଙ୍କରେ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ଅଛି । ଦକ୍ଷିଣୀରାଜ୍ୟ 'କଳିଙ୍ଗ' ନାମରେ ପରିଚିତ ଥିଲା ଯାହାକି ସେଠାକାର ଏକ ନିକୃଷ୍ଟରାଜ୍ୟ ଭାବେ ଜଣାଥିଲା ଏବଂ ଯେଉଁଠାରେ କି ଶ୍ରାଦ୍ଧ ଦେଲେ ପିତୃପୁରୁଷଗଣ ତାହା ଗ୍ରହଣ କରୁ ନଥିଲେ । ଦକ୍ଷିଣାପଥର ଏହି ଜନପଦର ରାଜାଙ୍କୁ ଜରାସନ୍ଧ ମଥୁରାର ପୂର୍ବ ପ୍ରବେଶଦ୍ୱାରରେ ରଖିଥିଲା । ଏକଥା ବ୍ରହ୍ମାଣ୍ଡ, ମତ୍ସ୍ୟ, ବାୟୁ ପ୍ରଭୃତି ପୁରାଣରେ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣନା କରାଯାଇଛି । ଏହି ରାଜା ପ୍ରଦ୍ୟୁମ୍ନଙ୍କ ବିବାହରେ ଯୋଗ ଦେଇଥିଲେ । ରୁକ୍ମିଣୀଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଜୁଆରେ ହାରିଯିବା ହେତୁ ବଳରାମଙ୍କୁ ଉପହାସ କରିଥିବାରୁ ବଳରାମ ତାଙ୍କର ଦାନ୍ତ ଭାଙ୍ଗି ଦେଇଥିବା କଥା ଭାଗବତ ଓ ବିଷ୍ଣୁ ପୁରାଣରେ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ଅଛି । ପୁନଶ୍ଚ ଅପରପକ୍ଷେ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣନା କରାଯାଇଛି ଯେ ଏହି ରାଜ୍ୟର ଦକ୍ଷିଣରେ ଅମରକଣ୍ଟକ ପର୍ବତ ଏବଂ ଗଙ୍ଗାନଦୀ ବହି ଯାଉଛି ଏବଂ ଏଠାରେ ପିତୃପୁରୁଷଙ୍କ ନିମିତ୍ତ ଉଦ୍ଦିଷ୍ଟ ଶ୍ରାଦ୍ଧ ଅତ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଫଳପ୍ରଦ । ଏକଥା 'ମତ୍ସ୍ୟପୁରାଣ'ରେ ଅତି ସୁନ୍ଦରଭାବେ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣନା କରାଯାଇଛି । 'ବାୟୁପୁରାଣ'ରେ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ଅଛି ଯେ ସଂସାରର ପ୍ରଥମ ପୁରୁଷଙ୍କ ସମ୍ଭବ ବା ଆବିର୍ଭାବ ଏହିଠାରୁ ହିଁ ହୋଇଥିଲା । ଏପରି ପୁଣି ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ଅଛି ଯେ କଳିଙ୍ଗରାଜ ଚିତ୍ରାଙ୍ଗଦଙ୍କ କନ୍ୟାର ସ୍ୱୟମ୍ବରରେ କର୍ଣ୍ଣ ଓ ଦୁର୍ଯ୍ୟୋଧନାଦି ଉପସ୍ଥିତ ଥିଲେ । କଳିଙ୍ଗ ରାଜକନ୍ୟା ଦୁର୍ଯ୍ୟୋଧନଙ୍କୁ ଅତିକ୍ରମ କରି ଚାଲିଗଲେ

ଦୁର୍ଯ୍ୟୋଧନ ବଳପୂର୍ବକ କନ୍ୟାକୁ ନେଇଯାଇଥିଲେ । କର୍ଣ୍ଣଙ୍କ ସାହାଯ୍ୟରୁ ଅନ୍ୟ ରାଜାମାନେ ଦୁର୍ଯ୍ୟୋଧନଙ୍କ ସହିତ ଯୁଦ୍ଧ କରିବାକୁ ଉଦ୍ୟତ ହୋଇ ନଥିଲେ । ସେହିପରି ଅନ୍ୟତ୍ର ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ଅଛି ଯେ ଦ୍ରୌପଦୀଙ୍କ ସ୍ୱୟମ୍ବରବେଳେ ଦୁର୍ଯ୍ୟୋଧନଙ୍କ ଗହଣରେ କଳିଙ୍ଗରାଜ ଥିଲେ । ପୁରାଣମାନଙ୍କରେ ଅଙ୍ଗ, ବଙ୍ଗ ଓ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ରାଜ୍ୟ ବହୁସ୍ଥାନରେ ଏକସଙ୍ଗେ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣିତ ହୋଇଛି । ଏଣୁ ଅନୁମାନ କରାଯାଏ ଯେ ଏହି ରାଜ୍ୟଗୁଡ଼ିକ ପରସ୍ପର ଲଗାଲଗି ଥିଲା । 'ହରିବଂଶ' ପୁରାଣରୁ ଜଣାଯାଏ ଯେ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ତାମ୍ରଲିପ୍ତ ନିକଟରେ ଥିଲା । 'ବ୍ରହ୍ମବୈବର୍ତ୍ତପୁରାଣ'ରୁ ଜଣାଯାଏ ଯେ 'ଦୁର୍ଗାସପ୍ତଶତୀ'ରେ ଉଲ୍ଲିଖିତ ସମାଧି ନାମକ ବୈଶ୍ୟଙ୍କର ପିତାମହ 'ବିରୋଧ' କଳିଙ୍ଗର ।

କଳିଙ୍ଗ ରାଜ୍ୟ ଖ୍ରୀ.ପୂ. ୭ମ ଶତାବ୍ଦୀରେ ଏକ ସମୃଦ୍ଧଶାଳୀ ରାଜ୍ୟଭାବେ ପରିଗଣିତ ହେଉଥିବା କଥା ବୌଦ୍ଧ ଓ ଜୈନଗ୍ରନ୍ଥରୁ ପ୍ରମାଣ ମିଳିଥାଏ । ବୌଦ୍ଧ ଜାତକ ଓ ଜୈନଗ୍ରନ୍ଥମାନଙ୍କ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣାନୁସାରେ 'ଦନ୍ତପୁର' କଳିଙ୍ଗର ରାଜଧାନୀ ଥିଲା । କେତେକଙ୍କ ମତରେ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନର 'ପୁରୀ' ହିଁ ସେହି ଦନ୍ତପୁର । ଜୈନ-ହରିବଂଶରେ କୁହାଯାଇଛି ଯେ ସ୍ୱୟଂ ମହାବୀର ବର୍ଦ୍ଧମାନ କଳିଙ୍ଗରେ ଜୈନଧର୍ମ ପ୍ରଚାର କରିଥିଲେ ।

ଖ୍ରୀ.ପୂ.୩୨୨ରେ ଗ୍ରୀକ୍‌ରାଜଦୂତ ମେଗାସ୍ଥିନିସ୍‌ଙ୍କ ବର୍ଣ୍ଣନାକୁ ଅନୁସରଣ କରି ଐତିହାସିକ ପ୍ଲିନୀଙ୍କ ଯେଉଁ ଭୂଗୋଳ ଲେଖିଥିଲେ ତଦନୁସାରେ କଳିଙ୍ଗର ବର୍ଣ୍ଣନା ଏହିପରି ହୋଇଛି । ଯଥା - "କଳିଙ୍ଗାଇ ନାମକ ଜାତିର ଲୋକମାନେ ସମୁଦ୍ର ନିକଟରେ ବାସ କରୁଥିଲେ; ଏମାନଙ୍କର ରାଜଧାନୀ - ସହର ଥିଲା 'ପାର୍ଥାଲୀସ' (ସମ୍ଭବତଃ ଏହା ତୋଷାଳୀ ନାମର ଅପଭ୍ରଂଶ) । ସେମାନଙ୍କର ବିପୁଳ ସେନାରୁ କେବଳ ୬୦ ସହସ୍ର ପଦାତି, ୧୦୦୦ ଅଶ୍ୱାରୋହୀ ଏବଂ ୭୦୦ ହସ୍ତ୍ୟାରୋହୀ କଳିଙ୍ଗରାଜାଙ୍କର ଦେହରକ୍ଷୀ-ସୈନ୍ୟ ଥିଲେ ।" ଏଥିରୁ କଳିଙ୍ଗମାନଙ୍କର ସୁଦୃଢ ସାମରିକ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ସଂପର୍କରେ ଅନୁମାନ କରାଯାଇପାରେ । ତାହା ନ ହୋଇଥିଲେ ସେମାନେ ମୌର୍ଯ୍ୟରାଜ ଅଶୋକଙ୍କୁ ଯୁଦ୍ଧରେ ଏକ କଡ଼ା ଜବାବ ଦେଇପାରି ନଥାଆନ୍ତେ । ସମ୍ରାଟ୍ ଖାରବେଳଙ୍କ ବିରାଟ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ସାମ୍ରାଜ୍ୟ ସ୍ଥାପନ ସେହି ସାମରିକ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ଯୋଗୁଁ ସମ୍ଭବ ହୋଇପାରିଥିଲା ।

ବାଣିଜ୍ୟ ବ୍ୟବସାୟ ତଥା ଶିଳ୍ପ ଭାସ୍କର୍ଯ୍ୟରେ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ଦେଶ ଥିଲା ଅଗ୍ରଣୀ । ସମୁଦ୍ରଯାତ୍ରୀଭାବେ ଅତି ପ୍ରାଚୀନକାଳରୁ କଳିଙ୍ଗାଧିବାସୀଗଣ ଖ୍ୟାତିଲାଭ କରିଛନ୍ତି । ଖ୍ରୀ.ପୂ. ଦ୍ୱିତୀୟ ବା ତୃତୀୟ ଶତାବ୍ଦୀରୁ କଳିଙ୍ଗବାସୀଗଣ ପାରସ୍ୟ, ଚୀନ, ତିବ୍ବତ, ବ୍ରହ୍ମ, ଆସାମ, ଶ୍ୟାମ, ଜାଭା, ବାଲି, ଇଣ୍ଡୋନେସିଆ ଆଦିରେ ବସତି ସ୍ଥାପନ କରି ସେଠାରେ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ସଭ୍ୟତା ଓ ଶିଳ୍ପ ବିସ୍ତାର କରିଥିବାର ପ୍ରମାଣ ସେହି ସେହି ଦେଶର ଭଗ୍ନାବଶେଷ, ପ୍ରସ୍ତରଖୋଦିତ ମୂର୍ତ୍ତି ଓ ମନ୍ଦିରମାନଙ୍କରୁ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ଉପଲବ୍ଧ ହେଉଛି । ଗୋଦାବରୀ ନଦୀର ଉପତ୍ୟକାସ୍ଥାନମାନଙ୍କରେ କଳିଙ୍ଗ ଶିଳ୍ପର ଭଗ୍ନାବଶେଷ ଦେଖାଯାଏ । ଇଣ୍ଡୋନେସିଆରେ 'କ୍ଲିଙ୍ଗ୍' ନାମକ ଜାତି ଅଛନ୍ତି ଓ ସେମାନେ କଳିଙ୍ଗରୁ ଆସିଥିଲେ ବୋଲି ଇଣ୍ଡୋନେସିଆବାସୀଙ୍କ ବିଶ୍ୱାସ । ଚେଲିତାଲୋ (କୋଣାର୍କ), ଚିଲିକା ଓ ତାମ୍ରଲିପ୍ତ ବନ୍ଦରରୁ ବହୁ ପୋତ ଦକ୍ଷିଣପୂର୍ବ ଏସିଆର ବିଭିନ୍ନ ଦେଶମାନଙ୍କୁ ଯିବା ଆସିବା କରୁଥିଲା । ଚୀନ୍‌ର 'ଟାଙ୍ଗ' ରାଜବଂଶ (ଖ୍ରୀ.୬୧୮-୯୦୬) ରାଜତ୍ୱ କରୁଥିବା ସମୟରେ ଜାଭା ରାଜ୍ୟକୁ 'ହୋ-ଲଙ୍ଗ୍' କୁହାଯାଉଥିଲା । କଳିଙ୍ଗର ଚୀନଭାଷୀୟ ପ୍ରତିଶବ୍ଦ 'ହୋଲିଙ୍ଗ୍'ରୁ ବହୁଲୋକ ଏଠାକୁ ଯାଇଥିବାରୁ ଏହାର ଏପରି ନାମ ହୋଇଥିଲା ବୋଲି ଧାରଣା କରାଯାଏ ।

କଳିଙ୍ଗର ଅଧିବାସୀ ଯେପରି ଥିଲେ ସାହସିକ, ପରାକ୍ରମଶାଳୀ, ଯୁଯୁତ୍ସୁ ତଥା ବାଣିଜ୍ୟ-ବ୍ୟବସାୟରେ ଧୁରନ୍ଧର ସେହିପରି କୃଷିକର୍ମ, ଶିଳ୍ପସ୍ଥାପତ୍ୟକଳାରେ ଏ ଦେଶଥିଲା ଅଗ୍ରଣୀ । ସମୃଦ୍ଧଶାଳୀ ଦେଶମାନଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରୁ କଳିଙ୍ଗର ନାମ ଥିଲା ଶୀର୍ଷସ୍ଥାନରେ । ପୁରୁଷମାନଙ୍କ ପରି ଏ ଦେଶର ରମଣୀମାନେ ଥିଲେ ରୂପଲାବଣ୍ୟରେ ଅପ୍‌ସରାସମ ଏବଂ ବୀରାଙ୍ଗନା । ରୂପବର୍ଣ୍ଣନାରେ କବିମାନେ ଏ ରାଜ୍ୟର ରମଣୀମାନଙ୍କର ନାମ ନେଇଥାଆନ୍ତି । ସେଇଥିପାଇଁ ପରା ରାଧାନାଥ ରାୟ ଲେଖିଥିଲେ - "ଅଙ୍ଗେ ବଙ୍ଗେ ଅବା କଳିଙ୍ଗ ମଗଧେ ଦେଖିଛି ଯେତେ ସୁନ୍ଦରୀ ... ... ଇତ୍ୟାଦି ।" ବିଦ୍ୟାବୁଦ୍ଧି ଜ୍ଞାନରେ କଳିଙ୍ଗବାସୀ କମ୍ ନଥିଲେ । ଧର୍ମ, ଦର୍ଶନ, ସାହିତ୍ୟ ଚର୍ଚ୍ଚାରେ ମଧ୍ୟ ଏ ଦେଶ ଅପ୍ରଖ୍ୟାତ ନଥିଲା । ଦେଶର ଶାସନପ୍ରଣାଳୀ ଅନ୍ୟ ଦେଶ ସମ୍ମୁଖରେ ଉଦାହରଣ ସ୍ୱରୂପ ଥିଲା । 'କଳିଙ୍ଗ' ହେଉ ବା 'ଉତ୍କଳ' ହେଉ, ପୂର୍ବେ ଏହି ନାମରେ ପରିଚିତ ଆମର ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନର 'ଓଡ଼ିଶା' ପୂର୍ବେ ଏକ ସମୃଦ୍ଧଶାଳୀ ଦେଶ ଥିଲା କହିବା ବାହୁଲ୍ୟମାତ୍ର ।

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ଓଡ଼ିଶା ମାନଚିତ୍ରରେ ଏକ ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର ସ୍ଥାନ ଅଧିକାର କରିଥିବା ଗ୍ରାମ ହେଲା କଟକ ଜିଲ୍ଲାର ମାଣିଆବନ୍ଧ । ଏହି ଗ୍ରାମରେ ଭାରତର ସର୍ବାଧିକ ବୌଦ୍ଧ ଧର୍ମାବଲମ୍ବୀ ଲୋକମାନେ ବାସ କରିଥାନ୍ତି । ଉନ୍ନତମାନର ହସ୍ତତନ୍ତ ବସ୍ତ୍ର ଉତ୍ପାଦନ ଓ ବିକ୍ରୟ ଏବଂ ଏସିଆ ମହାଦେଶର ପାରମ୍ପରିକ ସର୍ବବୃହତ ବୌଦ୍ଧ ଧର୍ମାବଲମ୍ବୀମାନଙ୍କର ଗ୍ରାମରୂପେ ମାଣିଆବନ୍ଧ ବିଶ୍ୱରେ ପରିଚିତ । ମାଣିଆବନ୍ଧ ଗ୍ରାମରେ ବହୁ ପ୍ରାଚୀନ କାଳରୁ ରହିଆସୁଥିବା ପାରମ୍ପରିକ ବୌଦ୍ଧ ଧର୍ମାବଲମ୍ବୀମାନେ ଏ ଗାଁର ଗର୍ବ ଓ ଗୌରବ ରୂପେ ପରିଚିତ । ଯଦି ବୌଦ୍ଧ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନ ପୀଠ ଗୁଡ଼ିକ ବିନା ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନ ଅସମ୍ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ତେବେ ପାଖାପାଖି ଏ ଅଞ୍ଚଳରେ ତିରିଶି ହଜାରରୁ ଊର୍ଦ୍ଧ୍ୱ ଲୋକ ବସବାସ କରୁଥିବା ଏହି ଗ୍ରାମ ମାଣିଆବନ୍ଧରେ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନ ଶିଳ୍ପର ବିକାଶ ଦୃଷ୍ଟିରୁ ବୌଦ୍ଧ ଧର୍ମ ତଥା ସଂଘର ବିକାଶର ଆବଶ୍ୟକତା ଅଛି । ମାଣିଆବନ୍ଧର ବୌଦ୍ଧମାନେ ତ୍ରିଶରଣ, ପଞ୍ଚଶୀଳ, ବୁଦ୍ଧ ମନ୍ଦିରରେ ପୂଜା ସମୟରେ ଭକ୍ତିର ସହିତ ପ୍ରାର୍ଥନା କରିଥାନ୍ତି -

ବୁଦ୍ଧଂ ଶରଣଂ ଗଚ୍ଛାମି

ଧର୍ମଂ ଶରଣଂ ଗଚ୍ଛାମି

ସଂଘଂ ଶରଣଂ ଗଚ୍ଛାମି

ମାଣିଆବନ୍ଧର ବୌଦ୍ଧ ବସ୍ତ୍ର ବୁଣାକାରମାନେ ହିଁ ହେଉଛନ୍ତି ବିଶ୍ୱପ୍ରସିଦ୍ଧ ଖଣ୍ଡୁଆ ଶାଢ଼ୀର ସ୍ରଷ୍ଟା ଏବଂ ମାଣିଆବନ୍ଧ ହେଉଛି ଖଣ୍ଡୁଆ ଶାଢ଼ୀର ଏକୁଡିଶାଳା । ବୌଦ୍ଧ ଧର୍ମବଲମ୍ବୀମାନେ ହେଉଛନ୍ତି ଶାନ୍ତିର ପ୍ରତୀକ ଏବଂ ନିରାମିଶ ଖାଦ୍ୟ ଖାଇଥାନ୍ତି । ଗୌତମ ବୁଦ୍ଧ ଏକମାତ୍ର ଐତିହାସିକ ମାନବ ଅଟନ୍ତି ଯାହାଙ୍କୁ ମାନବ ସମାଜରେ ଭଗବାନ ରୂପେ ସମ୍ମାନର ସହକାରେ ପୂଜା କରିଥାନ୍ତି । ଖ୍ରୀଷ୍ଟୀୟ ଷଷ୍ଠ ଶତାବ୍ଦୀରେ ଚୀନ ପରିବ୍ରାଜକ "ହୁଏନସାଂ' ଆମ ଦେଶକୁ ବୌଦ୍ଧ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ର ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ କରିବା ଓ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ବୌଦ୍ଧ ପୀଠ ଦର୍ଶନ କରିବା ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟରେ ଆସିଥିଲେ । ନିଜ ଦେଶକୁ ଫେରିଲାବେଳେ ବୌଦ୍ଧମାନେ ବୌଦ୍ଧଧର୍ମ ଗ୍ରନ୍ଥ ତ୍ରିପିଟକ ଏବଂ ମାଣିଆବନ୍ଧ ବୌଦ୍ଧ ବୁଣାକାରମାନଙ୍କର ପ୍ରଦତ୍ତ ବାଉଁଶ ନଳୀରେ କାର୍ପାସ୍ ବସ୍ତ୍ରକୁ ସଂଗରେ ନେଇଥିବାର ଜଣାଯାଏ । ବ୍ୟାସକବି ଫକୀରମୋହନ ସେନାପତି ଙ୍କ ରଚିତ "ଛ ମାଣ ଆଠଗୁଣ୍ଠ' ଉପନ୍ୟାସ ଓ ପେଟେଣ୍ଟ ମେଡ଼ିସିନ୍ ଓ ସୁନାବୋହୂ ଗଳ୍ପରେ ମାଣିଆବନ୍ଧର ଶାଢ଼ୀ କଥା ଲେଖାଅଛି ଏବଂ ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ଭାଷାକୋଷ ମାଣିଆବନ୍ଧ ହାତବୁଣା ଶାଢ଼ୀପାଇଁ ପ୍ରସିଦ୍ଧ ବୋଲି ସ୍ଥାନିତ ହୋଇଛି ।

ମୁଁ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଇତିହାସ ବିଭାଗ ଏବଂ ପି.ଏମ୍ ଆଣ୍ଡ ଆଇ.ଆର୍ ଦୁଇଗୋଟି ବିଭାଗର ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ଲାଭ କରିଥିବା ପୁରାତନ ଛାତ୍ର ଅଟେ । ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ବାର ମାସରେ ତେର ପର୍ବ ପରି ସମସ୍ତ ଉତ୍ସବ ଯଥା- ସମସ୍ତ ବିଭାଗର ବାର୍ଷିକ ଉତ୍ସବ ଆଲୋଚନା ଚକ୍ର, ମାନ୍ୟଗଣ୍ୟ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଙ୍କ ସମ୍ବର୍ଦ୍ଧନା, ଗଣେଶ ପୂଜା କିମ୍ବା ସରସ୍ୱତୀ ପୂଜା, ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ବାର୍ଷିକ ଉତ୍ସବ, କ୍ରୀଡା ଉତ୍ସବ, ଛାତ୍ରବାସ ଓ ଛାତ୍ରୀନିବାସର ବାର୍ଷିକ ଉତ୍ସବ, ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ସମାବର୍ତ୍ତନ ଉତ୍ସବ, ସ୍ୱାଗତ ଓ ବିଦାୟ ସମ୍ବର୍ଦ୍ଧନା ଉତ୍ସବ, ଗୁରୁ ଦିବସ, ନୂଆଖାଇ ଭେଟଘାଟ । ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟବାସୀଙ୍କର ବିବାହ ବ୍ରତ ଇତ୍ୟାଦି ସମସ୍ତ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟରେ ମାଣିଆବନ୍ଧର ବୟନ ସାମଗ୍ରୀ କାମରେ ଲାଗିଥାଏ । ମୁଁ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଗତ ଭାବରେ ୨୦୧୩ ମସିହା ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ସମାବର୍ତ୍ତନ ଉତ୍ସବରେ ଉପରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରପତିଙ୍କ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ଏବଂ ୨୦୧୪ ମସିହା ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ସମାବର୍ତ୍ତନ ଉତ୍ସବରେ ଭାରତର ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରପତି ଶ୍ରୀଯୁକ୍ତ ପ୍ରଣବ ମୁଖାର୍ଜୀଙ୍କ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ସମସ୍ତ ଉତ୍ତରୀୟ ସୁଲଭ ମୂଲ୍ୟରେ ଯୋଗାଇ ଦେଇଥିଲି ।

ଏଣୁ ବାସ୍ତବରେ ବୌଦ୍ଧ ଧର୍ମ ଓ ହସ୍ତତନ୍ତ ବସ୍ତ୍ର ଉତ୍ପାଦନର ବିଶ୍ୱ ପ୍ରସିଦ୍ଧ ଗ୍ରାମ ମାଣିଆବନ୍ଧର ସମ୍ପର୍କ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ସହିତ ଅତି ଘନିଷ୍ଠ ଏବଂ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ମାଣିଆବନ୍ଧ ହସ୍ତତନ୍ତ ବସ୍ତ୍ର ଏକ ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର ସ୍ଥାନ ଅଧିକାର କରିପାରିଅଛି ।

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ବାଣୀବିହାର କଥା ଏବେବି ମନେପଡୁଛି । ସେଦିନର ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀ ଏବେ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ପଦପଦବୀରେ ଅବସ୍ଥିତ ଅଛନ୍ତି । କିଛିବି ଅବସର ନେଇଛନ୍ତି । ୧୯୯୦ମସିହାର ବନ୍ଧୁମାନେ କିଏ ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ, ବିଧାୟକ ଆଦି ବଡ଼ ବଡ଼ ପଦବୀରେ ଅବସ୍ଥିତ ହୋଇଛନ୍ତି । ସେମାନେ ଏବେ ବାଣୀବିହାରରେ ନାହାଁନ୍ତି କିନ୍ତୁ ବାଣୀବିହାର ତାଙ୍କୁ ଖୋଜୁଛି, ମନେ ପକାଉଛି । କିଛି ସେଦିନର ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀ ଆମ ଗହଣରୁ ବିଦାୟ ନେଇଛନ୍ତି । ସେତେବେଳେ ବାଣୀବିହାରରେ ପାଠ ପଢ଼ିଲା ବେଳେ ଏକ ଭିନ୍ନ ମାଦକତା ଥିଲା । ପଢ଼ିବା ପାଇଁ ଏକ ଝୁଙ୍କ୍ ଥିଲା । ଏବେ ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ କେବେ କେଉଁଠି ଦେଖା ହୋଇଗଲେ ହଠାତ୍ ସେ ବାଣୀବିହାରର ସ୍ମୃତି ଓ ଅନୁଭୂତି ମନକୁ ପଶିଆସେ । ପ୍ରଥମେ ହଷ୍ଟେଲର ସ୍ମୃତି ମନରୁ ଭୁଲି ହେବ ନାହିଁ । ନୂଆ ନୂଆ ମହାଭାରତ କମନରୁମରେ ଟିଭି ଦେଖିବା ପାଇଁ ଭାରି ଭିଡ଼ ଜମୁଥିଲା । ଏହା ଦେଖିବା ପାଇଁ ସମସ୍ତେ ବ୍ୟାକୁଳ ହୋଇ ଚାହିଁରହିଥାଉ । ସନ୍ଧ୍ୟା ସମୟରେ ସରକାରୀ ବସ୍ କ୍ୟାମ୍ପସକୁ ଆସୁଥିଲା । ସେଥିରେ ଆମେ ୫୦ପଇସା ଦେଇ ପୁରୁଣା ବସଷ୍ଟାଣ୍ଡକୁ ବୁଲି ଯାଉଥିଲୁ ଏବଂ ଫେରିଲାବେଳକୁ ସେହି ୫୦ପଇସା ଦେଉଥିଲୁ । ଆଉ ସେ ସମୟ ନାହିଁ । ଏବେ କ୍ୟାମ୍ପସକୁ ବସ୍ ଆସୁ ନାହିଁ । ଏବେ ୫ଟଙ୍କା ବା ୧୦ଟଙ୍କା ଦେଇ ବାଣୀବିହାର ଗେଟ୍ ପାଖରୁ ଟାଉନ୍ ବସ୍ ବା ମୋ ବସ୍‌ରେ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀମାନେ ଯିବା ଆସିବା କରୁଛନ୍ତି । ପ୍ରତିବର୍ଷ ପରମ୍ପରାକ୍ରମେ ୫ମବର୍ଷ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କୁ ସ୍ୱାଗତ ଜଣାଇବା ଏବଂ ୬ଷ୍ଠ ବର୍ଷର ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କୁ ବିଦାୟ ଦେବାର ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ଥିଲା । ମୁଁ ୧୯୯୦ମସିହାରେ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା ସାହିତ୍ୟ ବିଭାଗରୁ ବିଦାୟ ନେଲା ବେଳେ ସେହି ଉତ୍ସବରେ ଏକ କବିତା ଲେଖି ଗାଇଥିଲି

ତୁମେ ବିଦାୟ ଦେଉଛ ବନ୍ଧୁ ହେ, ମୁଁ ଯେ ଚାହେଁନି ନେବାକୁ ବିଦାୟ
ମୁଁ ଯେ ନିଜେ ଚାଲିଗଲେ ଦୂରକୁ, ଏଠି ଲାଗିରହିଥିବ ହୃଦୟ ।।
ଏଠି ଆସିବାକୁ ମନ ଇଚ୍ଛଉ , ହେଲେ ଯିବାକୁ କେବେତ ଚାହେଁନା
ଏହି କିଛି ଦିଆନିଆ ଭିତରେ , କିଛି ଭୁଲି କିଛି ଭୁଲି ହୁଏନା ।।

ମୋର ଏହି କବିତାଟି ଶୁଣି ପ୍ରଫେସର ବୈଷ୍ଣବଚରଣ ସାମଲ ଅତ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଖୁସି ହୋଇ ପ୍ରଶଂସା କରିଥିଲେ । ଆଜି ସେ ସମୟ ଅତୀତ । ବାଣୀବିହାରକୁ କେବେ କେବେ ଗଲେ ମନେ ପଡ଼ିଯାଏ ସେହି ଅଭୁଲା ସ୍ମୃତି ଓ ଅନୁଭୂତି । ପ୍ରଥମେ ପୂର୍ବାଂଚଳ ଭାଷା କେନ୍ଦ୍ର, ଲକ୍ଷ୍ମୀସାଗର, ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର ଓ ପରେ ପରେ ଉଦଳା ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ, ବାରିପଦାରେ ଅଧାପନା କରୁଥିଲି । ପରେ ୧୯୯୪ ମସିହାରେ ସୂଚନା ଓ ଲୋକ ସଂପର୍କ ବିଭାଗରେ ଲୋକ ସଂପର୍କ ଅଧିକାରୀ ଭାବରେ ରହୁ ରହୁ ରହିଗଲି । ବାଣୀବିହାରରେ ୟୁ.ଜି.ସି. ଦ୍ୱାରା ଜେ.ଆର.ଏଫ୍.(ନେଟ୍) ପାଇ ପି.ଏଚ୍.ଡି. ସାରି ଜିଲ୍ଲା ସୂଚନା ଲୋକ ସଂପର୍କ ଅଧିକାରୀ ଭାବେ ନୟାଗଡ଼ ଜିଲ୍ଲାରେ ଏବେ ବି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରୁଅଛି । ୧୯୨୧ ମସିହାରେ ଅବସର ନେବି । ହେଲେ ବାଣୀବିହାରକୁ ମନରୁ ଭୁଲି ପାରିବି ନାହିଁ । ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ୭୫ତମ ବାର୍ଷିକ ଉତ୍ସବ ପାଳନ ଅବସରରେ ଅନ୍ତରର କୃତଜ୍ଞତା ଓ ଆନ୍ତରିକତା ଜଣାଉଛି ।

ଜିଲ୍ଲା ସୂଚନା ଓ ଲୋକ ସଂପର୍କ ଅଧିକାରୀ, ନୟାଗଡ
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୧୯୩୬ ମସିହା ଏପ୍ରିଲ୍ ପହିଲାରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର ପ୍ରଦେଶ ରୂପେ ଗଠିତ ହେଲା । ସେ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ସମସ୍ତ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପାଟନା କିମ୍ବା ଆନ୍ଧ୍ର ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଅଧୀନରେ ଥିଲା । ଉଚ୍ଚଶିକ୍ଷା କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷାଭାଷୀ ଲୋକମାନଙ୍କର ଆଶା ଓ ଆକାଙ୍କ୍ଷା ପୂରଣ ନିମିତ୍ତ ୧୯୩୬ ମସିହା ମାର୍ଚ୍ଚ ମାସ ୨ ତାରିଖରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ତତ୍କାଳୀନ ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ବିଶ୍ୱନାଥ ଦାସ ଓଡ଼ିଶାରେ ଏକ ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା କରିବା ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରଥମେ ଉଦ୍ୟମ ଆରମ୍ଭ କରିଥିଲେ । ତେଣୁ ପଣ୍ଡିତ ନୀଳକଣ୍ଠ ଦାସଙ୍କ ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷତାରେ ଏକ କମିଟି ଗଠିତ ହେଲା । ଏହି କମିଟିର ସୁପାରିଶକୁ ତତ୍କାଳୀନ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ମହାରାଜା କୃଷ୍ଣଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ଗଜପତି ଏବଂ ଶିକ୍ଷାମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ପଣ୍ଡିତ ଗୋଦାବରୀଶ ମିଶ୍ରଙ୍କ ଉଦ୍ୟମରେ ୩୦ ଜୁନ୍ ୧୯୪୩ ମସିହାରେ ଚୂଡ଼ାନ୍ତ ରୂପଦେଇ ବିଧାନସଭାରେ ଗୃହୀତ କରାଯାଇଥିଲା । ୧୯୪୩ ମସିହା ଅଗଷ୍ଟ ୨ ତାରିଖରେ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବ ଗୃହୀତ ହେଲା ଏବଂ ଏହାର ନାମ ରଖାଗଲା **"ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ"** । ଶିକ୍ଷାର ବିକାଶ ନିମିତ୍ତ ରେଭେନ୍ସା ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ପ୍ରାଣୀବିଜ୍ଞାନ ବିଭାଗରେ ୧୯୪୩ ମସିହା ନଭେମ୍ବର ମାସ ୨୭ ତାରିଖରେ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠିତ ହେଲା । ବିଶିଷ୍ଟ ବୈଜ୍ଞାନିକ ତଥା ରେଭେନ୍ସା ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ତତ୍କାଳୀନ ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷ ଡକ୍ଟର ପ୍ରାଣକୃଷ୍ଣ ପରିଜା ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ପ୍ରଥମ କୁଳପତି ଆସନ ଅଳଙ୍କୃତ କରିଥିଲେ । ଇଂରାଜୀ ପ୍ରଫେସର ଭି.ଭି. ଜନ୍ ପ୍ରଥମ କୁଳସଚିବ ଏବଂ ଓ୍ୱାଇ. ଏନ୍. ସୁକଠଙ୍କର ଏହାର କୁଳାଧିପତି ଥିଲେ ।

ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପାଇଁ ଆବଶ୍ୟକ ସ୍ଥାନାଭାବ ଏବଂ ଭବିଷ୍ୟତରେ ଏକ ବିସ୍ତୃତ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟପନ୍ଥାକୁ ଆଖିଆଗରେ ରଖି ୧୯୫୭ ମସିହାରେ ସିନେଟ୍ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟକୁ ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱରରେ ସ୍ଥାୟୀଭାବେ ଅବସ୍ଥାପିତ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ନିଷ୍ପତ୍ତି? ଗ୍ରହଣ କରିଥିଲେ । ତତ୍କାଳୀନ ମୁଖ୍ୟମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଡକ୍ଟର ହରେକୃଷ୍ଣ ମହତାବଙ୍କ ଉଦ୍ୟମରେ ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱରଠାରେ ଜାତୀୟ ରାଜପଥ ନିକଟରେ ୩୯୯.୪୯୨ ଏକର ପରିମିତ ଜମିରେ ୧୯୫୮ ମସିହା ଜାନୁଆରୀ ପହିଲାରେ ତତ୍କାଳୀନ ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରପତି ଡକ୍ଟର ରାଜେନ୍ଦ୍ର ପ୍ରସାଦଶିଳାନ୍ୟାସ କରିଥିଲେ । ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ପରିସର ନିମନ୍ତେ ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱରଠାରେ ସର୍ବସମ୍ମତିକ୍ରମେ ମାଷ୍ଟର ପ୍ଲାନ୍ ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ କରାଯାଇଥିଲା । ଏହି ସ୍ଥାନର ନାମ ପ୍ରଥମେ **'ବିଦ୍ୟାନଗର'** ଥିଲା ଓ ପରବର୍ତ୍ତୀ ସମୟରେ **'ବାଣୀବିହାର'** ନାମରେ ପରିଚିତି ଲାଭ କରିଥିଲା । ୧୯୬୩ ମସିହା ଜାନୁଆରୀ ୨ ତାରିଖରେ ତତ୍କାଳୀନ ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରପତି ଡକ୍ଟର ସର୍ବପଲ୍ଲୀ ରାଧାକ୍ରିଷ୍ଣନ୍ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ନୂତନ ପରିସର ଉଦ୍‌ଘାଟନ କରିଥିଲେ । ଏହାପରଠାରୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପରିସରର ନାମ ବିଦ୍ୟାବିଳାସିନୀ ବୀଣାପାଣିଙ୍କର ବିମୁକ୍ତ ପ୍ରାଙ୍ଗଣ 'ବାଣୀବିହାର' ରଖାଯାଇଥିଲା ।

ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଭାରତର ସପ୍ତଦଶତମ ଏବଂ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ରାଜ୍ୟର ପ୍ରାଚୀନତମ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ । ଏହା ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ଗର୍ବ ଓ ଗୌରବ । ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ସାରସ୍ୱତ ପରିସର ମଧ୍ୟରେ ସର୍ବମୋଟ ୩୦ଟି ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ଶିକ୍ଷା ଓ ଗବେଷଣା ବିଭାଗ, ୩୫୦ଟି ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ (ଏଥିମଧ୍ୟରୁ ସରକାରୀ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ସଂଖ୍ୟା ୨୪ ଓ ବେସରକାରୀ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ସଂଖ୍ୟା ୩୨୬), ୬ଟି ଭେଷଜ ତଥା ଫାର୍ମାସୀ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ, ୧୫ଟି ସ୍ୱୟଂଶାସିତ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ, ୧୫ଟି ଆଇନ୍ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ, ୧୯ଟି ସ୍ୱୟଂଶାସିତ ପରିଚାଳିତ ବିଭାଗ ଏବଂ ଦୂରନିରନ୍ତର ଶିକ୍ଷା ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶାଳୟ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରୁଅଛି । ତେଣୁ ଏହା ହେଉଛି ଦେଶର ସର୍ବବୃହତ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ।

ଏହି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଅଧୀନରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ନଅଗୋଟି ଜିଲ୍ଲାର ଶିକ୍ଷା ପରିସର ଅନ୍ତର୍ଭୁକ୍ତ । ସେଗୁଡ଼ିକ ହେଉଛି ଅନୁଗୁଳ, କଟକ, ଢେଙ୍କାନାଳ, ଯାଜପୁର, ଜଗତ୍‌ସିଂହପୁର, କେନ୍ଦ୍ରାପଡ଼ା, ଖୋର୍ଦ୍ଧା, ନୟାଗଡ଼ ଏବଂ ପୁରୀ; ଯାହା ପ୍ରାୟ ୧୧ ନିୟୁତ ଲୋକଙ୍କର ଉଚ୍ଚ ଶିକ୍ଷା ଲାଭର ଚାହିଦାକୁ ପୂରଣ କରିଥାଏ । ଏହି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ କିଛି ସୃଜନଶୀଳ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଙ୍କୁ ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରିଛି ଏବଂ ଏଠାରୁ ଶିକ୍ଷା ଲାଭ କରିଥିବା ଅଧିକାଂଶ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି ସେମାନଙ୍କର ପରବର୍ତ୍ତୀ ଜୀବନରେ ରାଜ୍ୟ ତଥା ଦେଶର ବିକାଶରେ ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ଭୂମିକା ନିଭାଇଛନ୍ତି ।



ଉଚ୍ଚତର ଶିକ୍ଷା ଓ ଗବେଷଣା କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଏହାର ଗୌରବମୟ ଐତିହ୍ୟ ରହିଛି । ସର୍ବଭାରତୀୟ ପ୍ରଶାସନିକ ସେବାରେ ଏହି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀ ଅଗ୍ରଣୀ ଭୂମିକା ଗ୍ରହଣ କରିଆସୁଛନ୍ତି । ୨୩୧ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ଜାତୀୟ ସେବାସଂସ୍ଥା ଯୋଜନା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକାରୀ ହେଉଅଛି । ଏହି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରାୟ ୫୦୦ ପ୍ରକାରର ପରୀକ୍ଷା ପରିଚାଳନା କରିଥାଏ । ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ପାଠ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ସହିତ ଏମ୍.ଫିଲ୍. ଏବଂ ପିଏଚ୍.ଡ଼ି. ନିମିତ୍ତ ସୁବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ରହିଅଛି । ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ଉନ୍ନତ ଗବେଷଣା ନିମିତ୍ତ ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଏକ ପ୍ରଶିକ୍ଷଣ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ପ୍ରତିବର୍ଷ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ବିଭାଗ ତରଫରୁ କରାଯାଇଥାଏ ।

ବାଣୀବିହାରର ମୁଖ୍ୟ ପ୍ରବେଶ ଦ୍ୱାରରେ ଦେବୀ ସରସ୍ୱତୀଙ୍କର ମୂର୍ତ୍ତୀ ଅବସ୍ଥାପିତ ହୋଇଅଛି । ଏହାଦ୍ୱାରା 'ବାଣୀବିହାର' ନାମର ଯଥାର୍ଥତା ପ୍ରତିପାଦିତ ହେଉଛି । ଏହି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଉଚ୍ଚତର ଶିକ୍ଷା ପ୍ରଦାନ ସହିତ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀମାନଙ୍କର ଆତ୍ମବଳ, ଆତ୍ମବିକାଶ ତଥା ଆତ୍ମଶୁଦ୍ଧି ନିମିତ୍ତ ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ଭୂମିକା ନିର୍ବାହ କରୁଅଛି । ବାଣୀଆରାଧନାର ପୀଠ 'ବାଣୀବିହାର' ସମଗ୍ର ବିଶ୍ୱରେ ତାହାର ଆସନ ବଜାୟ ରଖିଛି । ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ତା'ର ଉତ୍କର୍ଷତା ନିମିତ୍ତ ନାକ୍ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଏ+$^{+}$ ମାନ୍ୟତାପ୍ରାପ୍ତ ହୋଇଅଛି ।

ଏହି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ପ୍ରାକ୍ତନ ଛାତ୍ର ତଥା ପ୍ରଫେସର ଭାବେ ମୁଁ ଗର୍ବ ଅନୁଭବ କରୁଅଛି ।

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ପ୍ରଫେସର ରଘୁନାଥ ପଣ୍ଡା

ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ବାଣୀବିହାର ପରିସରରେ ପରିପୁଷ୍ଟ ମୋର ସ୍ଥିତି ଅନେକ ଶିକ୍ଷଣୀୟ, ମଧୁର, ରୋମାଞ୍ଚଭରା ଓ କେତେକ ତିକ୍ତ ଅନୁଭୂତିର ମିଶ୍ରିତ ଅନୁଭବ । ତେବେ କୌଣସି ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ବା ଦେଶକୁ କେବଳ ସ୍ୱପ୍ନର ଅମରାବତୀ ତ ଆଉ କହିହେବନି । ତେଣୁ ଧନାତ୍ମକ ଅନୁଭୂତିର ପ୍ରାଚୁର୍ଯ୍ୟ ତୁଳନାରେ ଋଣାତ୍ମକ ଅନୁଭୂତି ନଗଣ୍ୟ । ଏଠାରେ ଉଲ୍ଲେଖ ଯୋଗ୍ୟ ଯେ ମୁଁ ୧୯୭୧-୭୩ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଏହି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ସଂସ୍କୃତ ଏମ୍.ଏ. ଶ୍ରେଣୀର ଛାତ୍ର ଭାବରେ ୧୯୭୩ ମସିହାରେ ଟପ୍ପର୍ ଥିଲି ।

ମୁଁ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଉପାଧ୍ୟୁତ୍ତର ସଂସ୍କୃତ ବିଭାଗରେ ୯.୩.୧୯୮୬ରେ ଯୋଗଦେବା ପୂର୍ବରୁ ୧୨ ବର୍ଷ ଧରି ବିଭିନ୍ନ ସରକାରୀ କଲେଜ ବିଶେଷତଃ ଗଙ୍ଗାଧର ମେହେର କଲେଜରେ ଉପାଧ୍ୟୁତ୍ତର ଶ୍ରେଣୀରେ ଅଧ୍ୟାପକ ଭାବେ ୩ ବର୍ଷ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରିଥିବାରୁ ମୋର ବାଣୀବିହାରରେ ଶିକ୍ଷାଦାନ ଏବଂ ଏହି ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନରେ ତତ୍ ସଂପର୍କିତ ଆନୁସଙ୍ଗିକ ପ୍ରଶାସନୀୟ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ମୋ ପାଇଁ ନୂଆ ନଥିଲା । ତେଣୁ ବିଭାଗୀୟ ମୁଖ୍ୟମାନେ ଯେତେବେଳେ ଯେଉଁ ଦାୟିତ୍ୱ ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି ବା ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର କେନ୍ଦ୍ରୀୟ ପ୍ରଶାସନ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ଛାତ୍ରାବାସର ସହତତ୍ତ୍ୱାବଧାରକ ଇତ୍ୟାଦି ଯେଉଁ କାମ ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି ତାହା ମୋ ପାଇଁ ବେଳେବେଳେ ଆହ୍ୱାନଯୁକ୍ତ ଥିଲେ ବି ସେ ସବୁ ଦକ୍ଷତାର ସହିତ ସଂପନ୍ନ କରିବା ମୋ ପକ୍ଷରେ ସୁଖପ୍ରଦହୋଇଛି । ଇତି ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଡକ୍ଟର ଅଲେଖଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ଷଡ଼ଙ୍ଗୀଙ୍କ ପ୍ରେରଣାରେ ଓ ଡକ୍ଟର ଉପେନ୍ଦ୍ରନାଥ ଧଳଙ୍କର ମାର୍ଗଦର୍ଶନରେ ପିଏଚ୍.ଡି. ଉପାଧି ଲାଭ କରିଛି । ଛାତ୍ରମାନଙ୍କ ଦୃଷ୍ଟିରୁ ଦେଖିଲେ ୧୯୮୮ ମସିହାର ମାର୍ଚ୍ଚ ମାସରେ ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ନେଇ ମୁମ୍ବାଇ ସମେତ ଦକ୍ଷିଣ ଭାରତ ଭ୍ରମଣ ଏକ ଅବସ୍ମରଣୀୟ ଅନୁଭୂତି ।

ଜୁନ୍ ୧୯୯୬ ରୁ ମଇ ୧୯୯୮ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ବିଭାଗୀୟ ମୁଖ୍ୟ ରୂପେ ନିଷ୍ଠାପରଭାବେ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରି ଉପରିସ୍ଥ ଅଧିକାରୀ ଭାବେ ମୋର ଚେୟାରମ୍ୟାନ୍ ପ୍ରଫେସର କିଶୋରୀମୋହନ ପାତ୍ର, ପ୍ରଫେସର କୃତ୍ତିବାସ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ସଚ୍ଚିଦାନନ୍ଦ ତ୍ରିପାଠୀ ଓ ୱାର୍ଡେନ ଭାବରେ ପ୍ରଫେସର ଏ.କେ.ପି.ସି.ସ୍ୱାଇଁ ମୋ ଉପରେ ବେଶ୍ ଖୁସି ଥିଲେ । କୁଳପତିମାନଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ପ୍ରଫେସର ସତ୍ୟାନନ୍ଦ ଆଚାର୍ଯ୍ୟ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ଗୌରକିଶୋର ଦାସ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ଗୋକୁଳାନନ୍ଦ ଦାସ, ଅଧିକନ୍ତୁ ପ୍ରଫେସର ବିନାୟକ ରଥ ମୋର ଅଭିଭାବକ ତୁଲ୍ୟ ଥିଲେ । ସେମାନଙ୍କ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଗତ ପ୍ରେରଣା ଓ ମାର୍ଗଦର୍ଶନ ମୋ ପାଇଁ ଅମୂଲ୍ୟ ଅନୁଭୂତି । ରଥ ମହୋଦୟ ମୋତେ ଦୁଇବର୍ଷ ପାଇଁ ପରିଜା ଲାଇବ୍ରେରୀର ପ୍ରଫେସର-ଇନ୍-ଚାର୍ଯ୍ୟ, କେନ୍ଦ୍ରାପଡ଼ା ସ୍ୱୟଂଶାସିତ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ପରିଚାଳନା କମିଟିରେ କୁଳପତିଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତିନିଧି ଏବଂ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପାଇଁ କଳାସଂକାୟର ପରିଦର୍ଶକ ଭାବରେ ମନୋନୀତ କରିଥିଲେ ।

ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଶିକ୍ଷକ ସଂଘର କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକାରୀ ସମିତିର ସଭ୍ୟଭାବରେ ସଭାପତି ପ୍ରଫେସର ସତ୍ୟନାରାୟଣ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ ଓ ସମ୍ପାଦକ ପ୍ରାଧ୍ୟାପକ ଅନୀଲ୍ କୁମାର ପାଲ୍ ଏବଂ ପରବର୍ଷ ସଭାପତି ପ୍ରଫେସର ଗୋକୁଳାନନ୍ଦ ଦାସଙ୍କ ନେତୃତ୍ୱରେ ସମ୍ପାଦକ ବନ୍ଧୁ ପ୍ରଫେସର ବୀରେନ୍ଦ୍ର ନାୟକଙ୍କ ସହ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରିବାର ଅନୁଭୂତି ଚିର ସ୍ମରଣୀୟ ।

ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଶୈକ୍ଷିକ ପରିବେଶରେ ଅନେକ ସେମିନାର୍ ବା ପାଠଚକ୍ରମାନଙ୍କରେ ଅଂଶ ଗ୍ରହଣ, ପରିଚାଳନା, ସଂଯୋଜନା ଓ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶନାର ଅନେକ ଅଭିଜ୍ଞତାରୁ ପ୍ରଫେସର କୃଷ୍ଣଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ଆଚାର୍ଯ୍ୟଙ୍କ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶନାରେ ସୌନ୍ଦର୍ଯ୍ୟତତ୍ତ୍ୱ ଆଧାରରେ ୧୯୮୬ ଡିସେମ୍ବର ମାସରେ ହୋଇଥିବା ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରିୟ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ ଓ ୨୦୧୧ରେ କୁଳପତି ପ୍ରଫେସର ବିନାୟକ ରଥଙ୍କ ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷତାରେ ଆୟୋଜିତ ଆନ୍ତର୍ଜାତିକ ପାଠଚକ୍ରରେ ସଂଯୋଜକ ହେବାର ଅଭିଜ୍ଞତା ବହୁ ଉତ୍ସାହ ଉଦ୍ଦୀପନାର ମୁହୂର୍ତ୍ତଭାବରେ ସ୍ମରଣୀୟ । ବିଭାଗୀୟ ମୁଖ୍ୟ ହେବା ପରେ ପୂର୍ବରୁ ଗଡ଼ି ଆସୁଥିବା ବିଳମ୍ବିତ ପରୀକ୍ଷା ଫଳ ପ୍ରକାଶକୁ ତ୍ୱରାନ୍ୱିତ କରି ୩୨ ଦିନରୁ ୪୦ ଦିନ ମଧ୍ଯରେ ଏମ୍.ଏ.ପରୀକ୍ଷାର ଫଳ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିବା, ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କର ସେହି ବର୍ଷରେ ଏମ୍.ଫିଲ୍., ପି.ଏଚ୍.ଡି. ପ୍ରଭୃତି ଉଚ୍ଚତର ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ ଓ ଗବେଷଣା କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ପ୍ରବେଶର ସୁଯୋଗ ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରିବା ଏକ ଦୃଢ଼ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ।

ବହୁବର୍ଷ ଧରି ବିଭାଗୀୟ ପାଠଚକ୍ରର ଉପଦେଷ୍ଟା ଭାବରେ ବିଭାଗରେ ବହିରାଗତ ବିଦ୍ୱାନ୍ ଓ ଅତିଥିମାନଙ୍କର ଗମନାଗମନ ଓ ସଭା ପ୍ରଭୃତିର ଆୟୋଜନ ବେଳେବେଳେ କ୍ଲେଶଦାୟକ ହେଲେ ମଧ୍ୟ ତା'ର ସଫଳ ରୂପାୟନ ବହୁ ସନ୍ତୋଷପ୍ରଦ ।



ବିଭାଗୀୟ ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଥିବା ସମୟରେ କୁଳପତି ଗୌରକିଶୋର ଦାସଙ୍କ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶକ୍ରମେ ଦିବ୍ୟଜୀବନ ସଂଘର ବିଶ୍ୱ ସଭାପତି ମହାନ୍ ସନ୍ଥପ୍ରବର ସ୍ୱାମୀ ଚିଦାନନ୍ଦ ସରସ୍ୱତୀ ମହାରାଜଙ୍କର ପ୍ରବଚନର ସଫଳ ଆୟୋଜନ କରିବା ଏକ ଅଭୁଲା ସ୍ମୃତି । ଉତ୍କଳର ଗଜପତି ବୀରାଧିବୀରବର ନବକୋଟୀ କର୍ଣ୍ଣାଟ କଳବର୍ଗେଶ୍ୱର ଉପାଧି ସମଳଂକୃତ ଶ୍ରୀଶ୍ରୀ ଦିବ୍ୟସିଂହଦେବ ମହାରାଜଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଉଦ୍‌ଘାଟିତ ଏହି ଆଧ୍ୟାତ୍ମିକ ସଭା ଯାହାକି ମହାରାଜା କୃଷ୍ଣଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ଗଜପତି ପ୍ରେକ୍ଷାଳୟର ଓ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର କାର୍ଯ୍ୟସୂଚୀରେ ଐତିହାସିକ ଘଟଣା । ଏହି ସମୟରେ ସୁଲେଖିକା ଶ୍ରୀମତୀ ଶୈଳରାଣୀ ମିଶ୍ରଙ୍କ ଆର୍ଥିକ ସହଯୋଗରେ "ବେଦ' ବିଶେଷ ପତ୍ରରେ ଶ୍ରେଷ୍ଠ ଉପାଧିଧାରୀଙ୍କୁ ସ୍ୱର୍ଣ୍ଣପଦକର ପ୍ରଦାନ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା କରିବା ଜାଣି ପାଠକେ ନିଶ୍ଚୟ ଖୁସି ହେବେ । ପରେ ପରେ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟକୁ NAAC ଟିମ୍ ପ୍ରଥମ ଥର ଆସିବାର ଥାଏ । ଏଥିପାଇଁ ନିଜ ବିଭାଗର ଶୈକ୍ଷିକ ଓ ଆନୁସଙ୍ଗିକ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାବଳୀର ମୁଦ୍ରିତ ପୁସ୍ତକ ଆକାରରେ ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତି ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରଥମ ଥର ସହକର୍ମୀମାନଙ୍କର ସହଯୋଗରେ ସଂସ୍କୃତ ବିଭାଗର ଏକ ପ୍ରୋଫାଇଲ୍ ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ କରି NAAC ଟିମ୍ ଆଗରେ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନ କରିବା ଭଳି ଏକ ଆହ୍ୱାନକୁ ସମ୍ମୁଖୀନ ହୋଇ ଏଥିରେ ସଫଳତା ପ୍ରାପ୍ତ ହେବା ମୋତେ ଆତ୍ମସନ୍ତୋଷ ଦେବା ସହିତ ଉଦ୍ଦିଷ୍ଟ ସମଧର୍ମା ପରିଦର୍ଶକ ମାନଙ୍କର ପ୍ରଶଂସା ଅର୍ଜନ କରିବା ନିଶ୍ଚୟ ଗୌରବାବହ ଅନୁଭୂତି ।

ଆଜି ପ୍ଲାଟିନମ୍ ଜୟନ୍ତୀର ଏହି ପୁଣ୍ୟ ମୁହୂର୍ତ୍ତରେ ଲେଖକ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପରି ଏକ ବଟବୃକ୍ଷର ଛାୟାରେ ପ୍ରତିପାଳିତ ହୋଇ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠିତ ଅନୁଭବ କରିବାରେ କୌଣସି କାର୍ପଣ୍ୟ ନାହିଁ । ପରିଶେଷରେ ଏତିକି ଉପଲବ୍ଧି ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିବାକୁ ଚାହେଁ ଯେ, ଶହ ଶହ ଏମ୍.ଏ. ଉପାଧିଧାରୀଙ୍କ ସଫଳତା, ନିଜପାଖରେ ପଞ୍ଜୀକୃତ ୨୦ ଗବେଷକଙ୍କର ପିଏଚ୍.ଡ଼ି ଉପାଧି ଲାଭ, ଉତ୍ତର ଓଡ଼ିଶା ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ୭ ଜଣଙ୍କୁ ମିଶାଇ ୭୬ ସଂଖ୍ୟକ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କର ଏମ୍.ଫିଲ୍.ପାଇଁ ସଫଳ ମାର୍ଗଦର୍ଶନ କରିବା ଏକ ଗୌରବାବହ ଅନୁଭୂତି । ଆଜି ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷ, ଅଧିକାରୀ, କର୍ମଚାରୀ, ଅଧ୍ୟାପକମଣ୍ଡଳୀ ଓ ଅନ୍ୟମାନଙ୍କର ସହଭାଗିତାରେ ଏକ ଉତ୍କୃଷ୍ଟ ପରିବେଶ ଓ ଭିତ୍ତିଭୂମି ସଂଘଟିତ ହୋଇଛି । ସଂକ୍ଷେପରେ କହିଲେ ଉପାଧ୍ୟୁତ୍ତର ଶ୍ରେଣୀର ଅଧ୍ୟୟନ, ଗବେଷଣା ଏବଂ ବୃତ୍ତିଗତ, ଜୀବନକୁ ନେଇ ଅନେକାନେକ ବୁଦ୍ଧିଜୀବୀ, ବୈଜ୍ଞାନିକ, ବିଶେଷଜ୍ଞ, ବହୁ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରପ୍ରବୀଣ ଦୂରଦ୍ରଷ୍ଟା ଏବଂ ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ର ନିର୍ମାଣରେ ସାର୍ଥକ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିତ୍ୱ ଏହି ଶିକ୍ଷାର ମନ୍ଦିରରେ ହିଁ ନିର୍ମିତ ହୋଇଛନ୍ତି ।

୧୯୩୬ ମସିହାରେ ନୂଆ ଭାବରେ ଗଠିତ ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର ଓଡ଼ିଶା ପ୍ରଦେଶର ଗର୍ବ, ଗୌରବ, ସ୍ୱାଭିମାନ, ଅନୁସନ୍ଧିତ୍ସା, ସଫଳତା ଓ ଐଶ୍ୱର୍ଯ୍ୟ ପ୍ରାପ୍ତିର ଯେଉଁ ସ୍ୱପ୍ନ ଏ ଦେଶର ଅଗ୍ରଣୀ ନାଗରିକମାନେ ଦେଖିଥିଲେ ତାହା ଆଜି ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଦ୍ୱାରା ବହୁଳାଂଶରେ ଚରିତାର୍ଥ ହୋଇଛି ବୋଲି କହିଲେ କିଛି ଅତ୍ୟୁକ୍ତି ହେବ ନାହିଁ ।

""ବନ୍ଦେ ଉତ୍କଳ ଜନନୀ''

ପ୍ରାକ୍ତନ୍ ପ୍ରଫେସର

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ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ଭିନ୍ନ ଏକ ଗାନ୍ଧି ସ୍ମାରକୀର ଅନୁଚିନ୍ତା

ଶ୍ରୀ ତପନ କୁମାର ଜେନା

ବହୁପ୍ରାନ୍ତିୟ ଏଇ ବିଶ୍ୱରେ ଆଦର୍ଶର ଗାଥା ଓ ଆଦର୍ଶର କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ଦୁଇଟି ମୁଖ୍ୟପ୍ରାନ୍ତ ଅଟନ୍ତି । କୌଣସି ଉତ୍ତୁଙ୍ଗ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିତ୍ୱର କିମ୍ବା ଗରିମାମୟ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନର ଅଭୁତପୂର୍ବ ଘଟଣାର ପଟାନ୍ତର ନାହିଁ ବୋଲି ଯାହା କୁହାଯାଏ, ତାହା କେବଳ ଭାବପ୍ରକାଶକୁ ପରିସ୍ଫୁଟନ କରିଥାଏ ସିନା, କିନ୍ତୁ "ନବ ନବ ଉନ୍ମେଷଶାଳିନୀ ପ୍ରଜ୍ଞା" ଉକ୍ତିର ଅବଧାରଣାଟି ତା ଭିତରେ ଅତି ସୂକ୍ଷ୍ମ ଭାବରେ ଆତ୍ମଗୋପନ କରିଥାଏ । କେହି ଯଦି ଆଉ ଏକ କୋଣାର୍କ ନିର୍ମାଣ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ସୁଚିନ୍ତିତ ଦାବୀ ଉପସ୍ଥାପନ କରେ, ତାହାକୁ ମହତ୍ୱାକାଙ୍କ୍ଷୀର ବାକ୍ୟାଡ଼ମ୍ବର ବୋଲି କହିବାରେ ଆମେ ଶତମୁଖର ହେଉ ।

ସଚରାଚର ଦେଖାଯାଉଥିବା ଏହି ନକରାତ୍ମକ ଧାରାବାହିକ ସ୍ରୋତକୁ ଅତିକ୍ରମ କରି କୌଣସି ଆଦର୍ଶ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି ବା ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନର ପଟାନ୍ତରକୁ ଗଢ଼ିତୋଳିବା ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରଚେଷ୍ଟା ଜାରିରଖିଲେ ଅବନତି ଅପେକ୍ଷା ଉନ୍ନତି ଯେ ନିଶ୍ଚିତ ଏହା ନିଃସନ୍ଦେହରେ କୁହାଯାଇପାରେ । ଏହି ନ୍ୟାୟରେ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ୭୫ ବର୍ଷ ପୂର୍ତ୍ତି ଅବସରରେ ମହାତ୍ମାଗାନ୍ଧିଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଫୋନିକ୍ସ୍ ସେଟଲ୍‌ମେଣ୍ଟ ଆଧାରରେ ଏକ ଆଦର୍ଶ ଛାତ୍ରାବାସ ନିର୍ମାଣ କରି ଗାନ୍ଧିସ୍ମାରକର ଭିନ୍ନ ଏକ ଦୃଷ୍ଟାନ୍ତ ବିଶ୍ୱ ସମ୍ମୁଖରେ ପ୍ରତୀୟମାନ କରାଯାଉ ।

ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର ଓଡ଼ିଶା ପ୍ରଦେଶ ଗଠନର ଅବ୍ୟବହିତ ପରେ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ରାଜ୍ୟର ପ୍ରଥମ ଓ ଏକମାତ୍ର ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଭାବେ ଆପଣଙ୍କୁ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠିତ କରାଇ ଏହି ଅଗ୍ରଜ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ଜ୍ଞାନ-ବିଜ୍ଞାନର ଅଗ୍ରଦୂତ ସାଜି ସଂପ୍ରତି ଉତ୍କଳମାତାର ଅନେକ ଯୋଗ୍ୟ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟକୁ ଭୂମିଷ୍ଠ କରାଇବାରେ ପ୍ରମୁଖ ଭୂମିକା ନିଭାଇ ଅଛି । ପରବର୍ତ୍ତିତ ପରିସ୍ଥିତିରେ ଏହି ପୁଣ୍ୟ ପ୍ରସୂ ଉତ୍କଳବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଭିନ୍ନ ଏକ ଦୃଷ୍ଟାନ୍ତର ଦୁର୍ଗ ନିର୍ମାଣ କରାଇ ସମଗ୍ର ବିଶ୍ୱର ଦୃଷ୍ଟି ଆକର୍ଷଣ କରୁ ।

ଏକ ସ୍ୱର୍ଗୀୟ ସଂଯୋଗରେ ଜାତିର ଜନକ ମହାତ୍ମାଗାନ୍ଧିଙ୍କର ୧୫୦ ତମ ଜୟନ୍ତୀ ଅବସରରେ ଆମ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ୭୫ ବର୍ଷ ପୂର୍ତ୍ତି ପାଳିତ ହେଉଅଛି । ଜଣେ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିତ୍ୱରୁ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନରେ ପରିଣତ ହୋଇଥିବା ବେଳେ ଅନ୍ୟଟି ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିତ୍ୱ ତିଆରି କରିବାର ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ଅଟେ । ଜଣେ ଜାତିର ଜନକ । ଆଉ ଜଣେ ଜାତି ନିର୍ମାତା ମାନଙ୍କର ଜନନୀ । ମହାନ ସଂଯୋଗରେ ଏହି ମାହେନ୍ଦ୍ର ଲଗ୍ନରେ ସଂକଳ୍ପକୁ ସିଦ୍ଧିରେ ପରିଣତ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଏହି ସ୍ୱର୍ଗୀୟ ସୁଯୋଗକୁ ସମାଜ ସଂସ୍କାର କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଉତ୍ସର୍ଗ କରାଯାଉ ।

ଅଜ୍ଞାନ-ତିମିରର ଘୋର ତମିସ୍ରାରେ ବୁଡ଼ି ରହିଥିବା ଆଫ୍ରିକା ମହାଦେଶର ଦକ୍ଷିଣ ଆଫ୍ରିକାରେ ଆଜକୁ ୧୧୫ ବର୍ଷତଳେ ବିଦେଶୀ ବ୍ରିଟିସ୍ ସରକାର ବିରୁଦ୍ଧରେ, ମାନବିକ ଗୁଣରେ ଆଭୂଷିତ ଆଉ ଜଣେ ଭାରତୀୟ ବିଦେଶୀ ମୋହନଦାସ ଗାନ୍ଧି, ସତ୍ୟାଗ୍ରହକୁ ପାଥେୟ କରି ଧର୍ମଯୁଦ୍ଧରେ ଅବତୀର୍ଣ୍ଣ ହୋଇଥିଲେ । ଆଗକୁ ଦୁଇ ଦୁଇଟି ବିଶ୍ୱଯୁଦ୍ଧରେ ପ୍ରତିପକ୍ଷ ପ୍ରମୁଖ ପୁରୋଧା ସାଜିବା ପାଇଁ ସଶକ୍ତ ହୋଇଥିବା ଶକ୍ତିମାନ ବ୍ରିଟିସ୍ ବିରୁଦ୍ଧରେ ଗାନ୍ଧିଙ୍କର ଅହିଂସା ଅସ୍ତ୍ରର ପ୍ରୟୋଗଶାଳା ଥିଲା ଦକ୍ଷିଣ ଆଫ୍ରିକା । ପ୍ରପୀଡ଼ିତ ଜନତାଙ୍କୁ ସତ୍ୟାଗ୍ରହ ମନ୍ତ୍ରରେ ଅଭିମନ୍ତ୍ରିତ କରାଇବା ନିମନ୍ତେ ଗାନ୍ଧି ସେଠାରେ କେତେକ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠିତ କରାଇଥିଲେ । ଫୋନିକ୍ସ୍ ସେଟ୍‌ଲ୍‌ମେଣ୍ଟ ଓ ଟଲ୍‌ଷ୍ଟୟ ଫାର୍ମ ଦୁଇଟି ନୀତିଶିକ୍ଷା ଓ ଉତ୍ତମ ଜୀବନାଦର୍ଶର ଆବସସ୍ଥଳୀ ଥିଲେ ।

୧୯୦୪ ମସିହାରେ ଗାନ୍ଧିଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠିତ ଫୋନିକ୍ ସେଟ୍‌ଲ୍‌ମେଣ୍ଟ ବିଶ୍ୱ ଭ୍ରାତୃଭାବ, ସଦାଚାର ଏବଂ ଶୃଙ୍ଖଳିତ ଜୀବନଚର୍ଯ୍ୟାର ତୀର୍ଥକ୍ଷେତ୍ର ପାଲଟି ଯାଇଥିଲା । ପ୍ରାଚ୍ୟ-ପାଶ୍ଚାତ୍ୟର ସଂଗମସ୍ଥଳ ଏହି ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନରେ ଗୀତା, ବାଇବେଲ ଓ କୋରାନ୍‌ର ମହାନ୍ ବ୍ୟାଖ୍ୟାନ ଗୁଡ଼ିକୁ ବିଦ୍ୟାର୍ଥୀମାନଙ୍କ ମାନସପଟରେ ସଂଚାରିତ କରାଯାଉଥିଲା । ନିଶାନିବାରଣର କଠୋର ବ୍ରତ ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ମନ୍ତ୍ରାବିଷ୍ଟ କରିପାରୁଥିଲା । ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଜୀବନର ଉତ୍କର୍ଷତାରେ ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରଜୀବନର ଉତ୍ତରଣ ଯେ ନିଶ୍ଚିତ; ଏହି ବିଶ୍ୱାସରେ ଅନ୍ତେବାସୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ବଶୀଭୂତ କରାଯାଉଥିଲା । "ସନ୍ନ୍ୟାସୀର ସାଧନାରେ ଜାତିର ମୁକ୍ତି" ଉକ୍ତିଟିକୁ ନିଶ୍ଚିତ କରାଇବା ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରୟାସ କରାଯାଉଥିଲା । ବଳିଷ୍ଠ ଶରୀର ଏବଂ ଆଦର୍ଶ ଜୀବନ ପାଇଁ ସନ୍ତୁଳିତ ଆହାର ଶାରୀରିକ ପରିଶ୍ରମ ଓ ଅବସାଦମୁକ୍ତ ମାନସିକ ସ୍ଥିତି ପରି ଜୀବନଚର୍ଯ୍ୟାକୁ ସଂଚାଳନ କରାଯାଉଥିଲା । ମାତୃଭାଷାକୁ ଅଗ୍ରାଧିକାର ଦେବାପାଇଁ ସେ ଅନ୍ତେବାସୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ପରାମର୍ଶ ଦେଇଥିଲେ ।

ପୃଥିବୀର ଅଧିକାଂଶ ଦେଶ ଯେତେବେଳେ ପରାଧୀନ ଥିଲେ ଏବଂ ମାନବିକ ଆକାଂକ୍ଷାକୁ ଅଣଦେଖା କରାଯାଉଥିଲା, ସେହି ଅନ୍ଧାରୀ ଯୁଗରେ ଫୋନିକ୍ସ୍ ସେଟ୍ଲମେଣ୍ଟ ପରି ମୂଲ୍ୟବୋଧର କଷଟି ପଥର ମର୍ତ୍ତ୍ୟର ଦେବଦୂତମାନଙ୍କୁ ପରିମାର୍ଜିତ କରି ଗଢିତୋଳୁଥିଲା। ସତ୍ୟାଗ୍ରହ ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ ଯୁଦ୍ଧ ଲଢୁଥିବା ସେହି ସୈନିକ ମାନଙ୍କର ପରାଜୟର ଗ୍ଲାନି ନଥିଲା।

ଆଜିର ବିଶ୍ୱରେ ମାନବିକ ଅଧିକାର ଓ ଗଣତନ୍ତ୍ରର ଉଚ୍ଚସ୍ୱର ପ୍ରତିଧ୍ୱନିତ ହେଉଛି। ଗଣମାଧ୍ୟମର ସ୍ୱାଧୀନଛାୟା ବିସ୍ତାରିତ ହୋଇଛି। ଅନ୍ୟପକ୍ଷରେ ସାଇବର ଅପରାଧ ଓ ନିଶାଗ୍ରସ୍ତ ମଣିଷ ଜାତିପାଇଁ ମୁକ୍ତିର ମାର୍ଗକୁ ଜନଗଣ ଅପେକ୍ଷା କରିଛନ୍ତି। ଉପଭୋକ୍ତାବାଦର ଅତ୍ୟାଧୁନିକ ଜଗତରେ ଭ୍ରଷ୍ଟାଚାର ଜଗତିକରଣ ହୋଇଯାଇଛି କହିଲେ ଅତ୍ୟୁକ୍ତି ହେବନାହିଁ। ଆଉ ତା'ର କରାଳ ବାହୁଛାୟା ତଳେ ଆଦର୍ଶ ଶିକ୍ଷାନିକେତନ ମାନେ କେଉଁଆଡ଼େ ଅସସରି ଯାଇଛନ୍ତି।

ଉତ୍କଳବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଏକ ଦୃଷ୍ଟାନ୍ତମୂଳକ ଶିକ୍ଷାର ମନ୍ଦିର ସାଜିବାର ସମୟ ଆସିଛି। ଫୋନିକ୍ ସେଟ୍ଲମେଣ୍ଟର ଢାଞ୍ଚାରେ ଅନ୍ତତଃ ଗୋଟିଏ ଛାତ୍ରାବାସକୁ ପ୍ରୟୋଗଶାଳା ଭାବେ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରାଯାଉ। ଗୋପବନ୍ଧୁ, ମଧୁସୂଦନ, ଫକୀରମୋହନ, ଆଚାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ହରିହର, ନୀଳକଣ୍ଠ, ଗୋଦାବରୀଶ, ରମାଦେବୀ, କୁନ୍ତଳାକୁମାରୀ ଓ ସାରଳା ଦେବୀଙ୍କ ନାମରେ ଆମ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଛାତ୍ରାବାସ ଓ ଛାତ୍ରୀ ନିବାସ ଗୁଡ଼ିକ ନାମିତ ହୋଇଛନ୍ତି। ସେଗୁଡ଼ିକର ପ୍ରାଙ୍ଗଣରେ ସେହି ମହାମନୀଷି ମାନଙ୍କର ପ୍ରତିମୂର୍ତ୍ତିମାନେ ଅବସ୍ଥାପିତ ହୋଇଛନ୍ତି। ମାତ୍ର ଅନ୍ତେବାସୀ ମାନଙ୍କର ଜୀବନଶୈଳୀ ଓ ପ୍ରତିମୂର୍ତ୍ତିମାନଙ୍କର ଉଚ୍ଚଆଦର୍ଶ ମଝିରେ ଏକ ପ୍ରକାଣ୍ଡ ଅନ୍ଧକାରମୟ ଶୂନ୍ୟସ୍ଥାନ ଅନୁଭୂତ ହେଉଅଛି। ଦୁଇ ଚକିଆ ଓ ଚାରିଚକିଆ ଯାନ, ଇଣ୍ଟରନେଟ, ଡ଼ିଜିଟାଲାଇଜ୍ନ୍ ମୋବାଇଲ୍ ଫୋନ ଇତ୍ୟାଦି ଆଧୁନିକ ବିଜ୍ଞାନର ସାଜ ସରଞ୍ଜାମ ଗୁଡ଼ିକ ଛାତ୍ରମାନଙ୍କର ଲାଭ ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତେ ପ୍ରଭୁତ କ୍ଷତି ସାଧନ କରୁଅଛି ବୋଲି ଅଭିଭାବକ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିମାନେ ମର୍ମେ ମର୍ମେ ଉପଲବ୍ଧି କରିସାରିଲେଣି। ପେନ୍କିଲର୍ ଔଷଧ କ୍ଷଣିକ ପାଇଁ କଷ୍ଟ ଉପଶମ କରାଇ ଦେଇ ପରବର୍ତ୍ତୀ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟାୟରେ ଶରୀରର ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଅଙ୍ଗଗୁଡ଼ିକୁ ଅକାମୀ କରିଦେଇଥାଏ। ଛାତ୍ର ଜୀବନରେ ଆଧୁନିକ ଜୀବନଶୈଳୀ ଠିକ୍ ସେହି କଷ୍ଟ ଉପଶମକାରୀ ମାରାତ୍ମକ ଔଷଧ ଭଳି ଅଟେ।

ନିଶାସେବନର ପରିସର ପାନ, ବିଡ଼ି, ସିଗାରେଟ ଓ ମଦଭାଟିରେ ସୀମିତ ନରହି ଭୟାନକ ଚରସ, ବ୍ରାଉନ୍ ସୁଗାର କୋକେନ, ହେରୋଇନ୍ ଆଦିକୁ ଦୈନନ୍ଦିନ ନିଶାସେବନର ପରିସରଭୁକ୍ତ କରାଇ ତା'ର ପ୍ରଳୟଙ୍କାରୀ ବ୍ୟାପ୍ତିକୁ ପ୍ରତିପାଦିତ କରିପାରିଛି। ଅଶ୍ଳୀଳ ଭିଡ଼ିଓକୁ ଦେଖିବା ଓ ଅନ୍ୟ କାହାର ଅଶ୍ଳୀଳ ଚିତ୍ରକୁ ଭାଇରାଲ କରିବା ଆଦି ମନୋମୁଗ୍ଧକାରୀ ଅବସାଦ ନିବାରକ ଚଳଣିରେ ପରିଣତ ହୋଇଛି। ବିଜ୍ଞାନର ଆଶ୍ରୟରେ ଭୌତିକ ବିଳାସର ଗୁଗ୍ଣ ଦିଗନ୍ତକୁ ଚରିତାର୍ଥ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ସମଗ୍ର ବିଶ୍ୱର ଅଗ୍ରଣୀ ଶିକ୍ଷାନୁଷ୍ଠାନର ଛାତ୍ର ସମୂହ ବୁଡ଼ି ରହିଛନ୍ତି। ଅର୍ଥାତ୍ ଅଦୂର ଭବିଷ୍ୟତରେ ଏକ କଠୋର ସାମାଜିକ ଦୁରାବସ୍ଥାକୁ ମଣିଷଜାତି ସାମନା କରିବାକୁ ଯାଉଛି।

ବିଶ୍ୱର ସମସ୍ତ ଉତ୍କର୍ଷତା ଓ ଆଦର୍ଶବାଦର ସାନ ଆସିଲେ କେବଳ ଭାରତ ଆଡ଼କୁ ଅଙ୍ଗୁଳି ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶ କରିବେ ବୋଲି ଦାର୍ଶନିକ ମାକ୍ସ ମୁଲାର ଦୃଢୋକ୍ତି ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିଛନ୍ତି, ସୁତରାଂ ମାନବଜାତିର ଏହି ସନ୍ଧିକ୍ଷଣରେ ମହାତ୍ମାଗାନ୍ଧିଙ୍କ ୧୫୦ ତମ ଜୟନ୍ତୀକୁ କେବଳ ମୂର୍ତ୍ତି ସ୍ଥାପନା ଓ ସଭାସମିତିରେ ସୀମିତ ନରଖି ଗାନ୍ଧି ଦର୍ଶନର ପ୍ରକୃତ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାନ୍ୱୟନ ପାଇଁ ଫୋନିକ୍ ସେଟ୍ଲମେଣ୍ଟ ପରି ଅଭିନବ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନର ସ୍ଥାପନା ପାଇଁ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ନିଆଯାଉ। ଗବେଷଣା ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଏକ ପ୍ରମୁଖ ବୈଭବ। ସେହି ନ୍ୟାୟରେ ଏକ ଆଦର୍ଶ ଛାତ୍ରବାସକୁ ଗବେଷଣାର ପ୍ରୟୋଗଶାଳା ଭାବେ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରାଯାଉ।

ଗୋପବନ୍ଧୁଙ୍କ ବନବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଓ ରବୀନ୍ଦ୍ରନାଥଙ୍କ ଶାନ୍ତିନିକେତନ ହଜାର ହଜାର ବର୍ଷର ପୁରୁଣା ଇତିହାସ ନୁହେଁ। ଆମ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପରିସରରେ ଫୋନିକ୍ ସେଟ୍ଲମେଣ୍ଟ ଛାୟାରେ ଯଦି ଏକ ଛାତ୍ରାବାସ ନିର୍ମାଣ କରାଯାଏ ତାହା ସଫଳ ହେବବୋଲି ଆମେ ଆଶାବାଦୀ ଅଛୁ। ଭବିଷ୍ୟତରେ ଦଣ୍ଡାୟମାନ ହୋଇଥିବା ଦୁର୍ଦ୍ଦିନକୁ ଅତିକ୍ରମ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଏହି ଉପସ୍ଥିତ ଆଦର୍ଶ ଛାତ୍ରାବାସକୁ ଅନୁସରଣ କରି ନିଜ ନିଜ ସ୍ଥାନରେ ପ୍ରୟୋଗ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଅନେକ ଆଗେଇ ଆସିବେ।

ବିଶ୍ୱଶାନ୍ତି ପାଇଁ ସାମାଜିକ ମହାସମରରେ ଆମ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଧ୍ରୁବତାରା ସାଜି ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ଦିଶା ନିର୍ଣ୍ଣୟକ ଭୂମିକାରେ ଅବତୀର୍ଣ୍ଣ ହେବ।

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ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଛାତ୍ର ସଂସଦ


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हमारे देश की राजधानी भुवनेश्वर में स्थित उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय की स्थापना २७ नवम्बर १९४३ में हुई | इसे वाणी विहार के नाम से भी जाना जाता है | यह भारत के सत्रह पुराने विश्वविद्यालयों में से एक है | यह ३९९.९ एकड़ में व्याप्त है | इसके अधीन २६७ महाविद्यालय है | साथ ही १५ विधिमहाविद्यालय भी इसके अधीन है | उत्कर्ष कलाओं के इस देश में उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय अपना एक विशेष स्थान रखता है | जब तक इसकी अपनी जमीन और मकान नहीं थे तब तक इसका काम रेवेंशा विश्वविद्यालय में ही चलता था |

यहाँ बच्चों के पढ़ने के लिए अन्य सभी महत्वपूर्ण विषय तो थे पर जनादृत भाषा हिंदी का विभाग नहीं खुला था | हाँ, हिंदी को डिप्लोमा के रूप में अवश्य पढ़ाया जाता था | इस विभाग के अध्यापक के सेवा निवृत्ति के उपरान्त वह भी बंद हो गया | जब तक डिप्लोमा की कक्षाएँ चलती थी तब तक एक क्षीण आशा की किरण थी कि कभी न कभी विद्यार्थियों को अवसर मिलेगा कि वें उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय में एम.ए में हिंदी विषय ले कर पढ़ पायेंगे | लेकिन उस पर भी पानी फिर गया जब डिप्लोमा की कक्षाएँ बंद कर दी गई |

मैंने अपने सहकर्मी तथा पूर्व प्राध्यापकों से सुना था कि उन लोगों ने उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय में हिंदी विभाग खुलवाने की भरसक कोशिश की थी पर नाकामयाब रहें | इस लाल फितासाही में सब कुछ दब कर रह गया था | मैं भी अपने साथियों के साथ मिल कर अस्सी दशक से हिंदी विभाग खुलवाने का प्रयास करती रही | पर हम सब इसमें सफल नहीं हो पा रहे थे |

सौभाग्य से वर्तमान के कुलपति महोदय की प्रेरणा, निष्ठा और चेष्टा के कारण हम इस वर्ष जब उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय १५० वर्ष का हो गया तब हिंदी खुलवाने में सक्षम रहे | खैर यही आशा रखते है कि देर आये पर दुरुस्त आये |

उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय में हिंदी विभाग की प्रतिष्ठा के लिए प्रो.राधाकांत मिश्र, प्रो.तारिणी चरण दास, डॉ. अजय कुमार पट्टनायक, प्रो.रविन्द्रनाथ मिश्र, रघुनाथ महापात्र आदि ने अथक परिश्रम किये थे | मैं स्वयं भी उनके साथ रही | अब हम सब सेवा निवृत्त हो चुके हैं | पर हमें संतोष है कि जनादृत भाषा हिंदी का विभाग वाणी विहार में खुल गया | इस प्रसंग क्रम में एक बात और अवश्य सूचित करना चाहूँगी कि उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय के संस्कृत विभाग ने अपनी खूब उदारता दिखाई | आज के इस स्वार्थान्ध समय में संस्कृत विभाग के सह-प्राध्यापक डॉ.सुबास चन्द्र दास ने संस्कृत के साथ-साथ हिंदी की भी खूब सेवा की | उनका रोज़ रोज़ बगल फ़ाइल उठाकर कुलपति के कार्यालय जाना, उन्हें यह अनुरोध करना कि वे



अपने विभाग में हिंदी एम्.ए के बच्चों को पढ़ने-पढ़ाने की सुविधा मुहय्या करवाएंगे, सब कुछ हमने देखा और जाना है | एक इंच भूमि के लिए जहाँ महाभारत का युद्ध हुआ था वहाँ ऐसी उदारता ? 'ऐसो को उदार जग माही' | संस्कृत विभाग ही ऐसा कर सकता था जो भारतीय संस्कृति तथा जीवन दर्शन को अपने में समेट कर चलता है |

अब हिंदी विभाग उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय के संस्कृत विभाग के अधीन है| कक्षाएँ सुचारू रूप से चल रही हैं | संस्कृत विभाग का पूर्ण सहयोग हमें मिल रहा है | इसलिए यह विभाग धन्यवाद का पात्र है | जब कभी हमारी कक्षा में संस्कृत विभाग के विशेष कार्यक्रम होते हैं तब वे हमारी कक्षाएँ जरुरत पड़ने पर पुस्तकालय या फिर अध्यापक-कक्ष में भी करवा देते है |

यह तो सच है कि उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय में हिंदी में स्नातकोत्तर विभाग को खुलने में इतना लम्बा समय लगा पर बीच-बीच में इस विश्वविद्यालय ने हिंदी अध्यापकों की खूब सहायता की है | आज हिंदी में जो बी.एच.ई.डी का कार्यक्रम चल रहा है | उसे खुलवाने में भी उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय ने खूब मदद की | पहले यह स्कूल के अधीन था, जिससे हमारे विद्यार्थियों को नौकरी पाने में बहुत दिक्कत होती थी | आगरा में भी कुछ पचास सीटें ही है और वहाँ बी.एड करने के लिए ओड़िशा से सिर्फ चार पाँच बच्चे ही उत्तीर्ण हो कर जा पाते हैं | अब बी.एच.ई.डी में अधिक बच्चे पढ़ पा रहे है | इसी कारण विभिन्न विद्यालयों में भी उनके लिए नौकरी सुलभ हो गई |

इस तरह हिंदी भाषा साहित्य की यह धारा उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय में भी कभी रूकती कभी क्षीण होती हुई आज फिर से पल्लवित हो रही है | इसीलिए कहा गया है जहाँ चाह है वहाँ राह है | इसलिए ओड़िशा भर के हिंदी प्रेमी इस बात की आस लगाये बैठे हैं कि उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय में एम.फिल और पी.एच.डी जरुर खुलेगा | जब विश्वविद्यालय में हम यहाँ तक आ पहुँचे है तो कुलपति महोदय, संस्कृत विभाग तथा अन्य अधिकारियों के सहयोग से इस विभाग का पल्लवन अवश्य होगा |

मैं पुनः उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपति महोदय, सचिव, परीक्षा नियंत्रक, संस्कृत विभाग और विशेष रूप से डॉ. सुबास चन्द्र दास के प्रति अपना और हिंदी जगत का आभार व्यक्त करती हूँ | सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः की राह पर हम इसी तरह चलते रहें |

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ओड़िशा का एक नाम उत्कल पड़ गया, क्योंकि यह उत्कृष्ट कलाओं का देश है। यहाँ के मंदिर की कला, मूर्तिकला, नृत्यकला, संगीतकला, वस्त्रवयन की कला, चित्रकला सभी में अद्भुत उत्कर्ष है। यहाँ का जगन्नाथ धाम सर्वधर्म समन्वय का संदेश देता है। यहाँ के पाइकों (पदातिक सेना) की समरकला विजय की सिद्धि लानेवाली है। यहाँ की प्रकृति सुंदर है, भूमि शस्य श्यामला है, सुवर्ण-बालुका की वेलाभूमि है। इसलिए इसे मान्यता मिल गई कि उत्कल के समान देश भूतल में अन्यत्र नहीं है। रिक्थ की यह जोत आज भी जगमग है।

वैसे ही यहाँ का सर्वप्राचीन उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय उत्कृष्ट विद्याओं की संस्था है। इसकी प्लेटिनम जुबिली मनायी जा रही है। इसके अनगिनत प्राचीन और आधुनिक विद्याशाखाओं को देश-विदेश से प्रशंसा-पत्र मिले हैं। इस विश्वविद्यालय के विद्यार्थी पूरे विश्व में फैले हुए हैं। इसके परिवेश, गुणात्मक शिक्षा, अनमोल शोधकार्य, इसके प्राध्यापक और विद्यार्थी सब उत्कृष्टता की टकसाल की उपज हैं, उत्कर्ष के उदाहरण बन चुके हैं। कटक में इस विश्वविद्यालय का बचपन बीता। विकास भुवनेश्वर में आकर हुआ। चार सौ एकड़ लगभग जमीन है। कई बड़े-बड़े भवन बने हैं। कटक के रेवेन्शा कॉलेज से अलग इसके विभाग स्थापित हुए। १९४३ का झिलमिल दीपक आज चमचमा उठा है।

इसी वर्ष इस अहिन्दीभाषी क्षेत्र के इस सर्वप्राचीन विद्यामंदिर में राष्ट्रभाषा हिंदी का विभाग खोलकर मान्यवर कुलपति और कर्तृपक्ष ने राष्ट्रीय एकता को प्रसारित करनेवाली एक नई जोत जगायी है। दरअसल इस विश्वविद्यालय में पहले प्रारंभिक चरण में हिंदी का डिप्लोमा पाठ्यक्रम खोला गया था। कुछ वर्ष उसका काम चला फिर उस प्राध्यापक के देहांत के बाद वह बंद हो गया। विश्वविद्यालय में हिंदी विभाग खोलने के लिए छात्रों की ओर से बराबर दावे किए जाते थे लेकिन उन्हें सफलता मिली इस प्लेटिनम जुबिली वर्ष में ही। हमारी आशंसा है- अयमारंभ: शुभाय हो। यह विभाग द्रुत गति से फूले-फले यह सबकी इच्छा है।



ऐसे मौके पर स्मृतियों की एक लड़ी झलमला रही है। तब शिक्षाविभाग का अधिक विभाजन नहीं हुआ था। उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय हाईस्कूल की मैट्रिक्युलेशन परीक्षा का संचालन करता था। मैंने १९५५ में यहीं से मैट्रिक पास कर विद्यारंभ किया था। जब राजेन्द्र कॉलेज बलांगीर में इंटर पढ़ने गया तो हिंदी पढ़ाई की व्यवस्था वहाँ नहीं थी। मैंने हिंदी विषय लेने का संकल्प किया। प्रिंसिपल ने लिखा कि मुझे घरेलु रूप में हिंदी पढ़ने और परीक्षा देने की अनुमति दी जाए। विश्वविद्यालय ने स्वीकृति दे दी। मैंने इंटर और बी.ए. की परीक्षा में हिंदी विषय को बिना अध्यापक के पढ़ा, परीक्षा में पास हुआ। फिर इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय में मैंने हिंदी में एम.ए. किया, परीक्षा में दूसरा स्थान प्राप्त किया। हिंदी शिक्षण संस्थान का प्रिंसपल बना। फिर हिंदी अधिकारी। हाईस्कूल परीक्षा मे हिंदी को अनिवार्य विषय स्वीकृत कराने की सफल योजनाएँ पूरी की। ओड़िशा सरकार के आदेशानुसार सभी स्कूल में हिंदी की पढ़ाई होने लगी। कई महाविद्यालयों में हिंदी ऐच्छिक और आनर्स के पाठ्यक्रम में शामिल हुई। आज ओड़िशा के अनेक कॉलेजों में तथा कई विश्वविद्यालयों में स्नातकोत्तर हिंदी विभाग खुल गए है। तब ओड़िशा का प्रथम विश्वविद्यालय इस विकास-क्रम में पीछे कैसे रह सकता था ?

अंतिम बात! मैंने विश्वकवि रवीन्द्रनाथ ठाकुर के द्वारा प्रतिष्ठित विश्वभारती विश्वविद्यालय, शांतिनिकेतन में प्राध्यापक के रूप में कुछ वर्ष कार्य किया। मुझे आश्चर्य हुआ कि चालीस के दशक में गुरुदेव ने हिंदी भाषा के प्रचार-प्रसार के लिए अपने विश्वविद्यालय में हिंदी विभाग खुलवा दिया था। महात्मा गाँधी ने हिंदी को राष्ट्रभाषा और राजभाषा बनाने का दृढ़ आग्रह किया था। संविधान में १४ सितंबर १९४९ को हिंदी को राजभाषा की पदवी दी गई। देशभरके सभी शिक्षासंस्थाओं में हिंदी के पठन-पाठन की व्यवस्था करवाने की अनुशंसा की गई। पर दुर्भाग्य से राजनीति की दलदल में भाषा की पवित्रता कलुषित हो गई। सच तो यह है कि कोई भी भाषा तोड़ती नहीं, जोड़ती है। हिंदी सदियों से भारतवर्ष के जन-जन के हृदयों को जोड़ती आ रही है। स्वतंत्रता संग्राम में हिंदी ही राजनेता और जनता के बीच संपर्क-सूत्र रही। अत: इसके प्रचार-प्रसार के लिए काम करना राष्ट्रीय कर्तव्य है। इसी कर्तव्य को उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय ने इस पावन वर्ष में पूरा किया है।

मेरी शिक्षा के इस मातृ-संस्थान की सर्वत्र विजय हो!



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बचपन से उच्च शिक्षा के प्रति मेरी अदम्य लालसा थी। न जाने कितनी बाधाओं को पारकर मैंने रमादेवी महिला महाविद्यालय (अब विश्वविद्यालय) में दाखिला लिया। सौभाग्य से बचपन की स्पृहा की चिनगारी को हवा मिल गई। मैंने रमादेवी से बी.ए.(हिंदी) की परीक्षा पास की। प्रमाण पत्र मिला तो देखा-उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय। तब मैंने सोचा कि बगलवाला वह विश्वविद्यालय मेरे कॉलेज की नियामक संस्था है। मुझे गर्व महसूस हुआ कि मैं उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय का स्नातक बनी।

फ़िर सौभाग्य से रेवेन्शा महाविद्यालय में स्नातकोत्तर हिंदी विभाग में अध्ययन किया। वहाँ से जो प्रमाण पत्र मिला, वह भी उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय का ही था। तब तक मुझे इस विश्वविद्यालय का महत्व ज्ञात हो चुका था। यह मेरे प्रदेश का सर्वप्रथम विश्व-विद्यालय है। इसका कार्यक्षेत्र संपूर्ण प्रदेश तक व्याप्त है। यह देश के प्राचीन विश्वविद्यालय में से एक है। कटक-भुवनेश्वर के यात्रा-पथ में विश्वविद्यालय के पुस्तकालय की ऊँची छतरियाँ दृष्टिगोचर होने से उसकी महिमा का अनुभव करके मुझे अपार हर्ष होता रहता था।

पीएच.डी के लिए रेवेन्शा में ही मेरा नाम पंजीकृत हुआ। लेकिन अब मुझे कोई आश्चर्य नहीं हुआ कि मैं उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय से यह डिग्री हासिल करूँगी। मैंने हिंदी 'नवजागरण और भारतेंदु' पर काम किया। विषय पुराना था, लेकिन मेरा शोध नए और मौलिक ज्ञान से मंडित हुआ। मैंने भारतीय नवजागरण और यूरोपीय नवजागरण के मौलकि अंतर को समझा। बंगला नवजागरण और ओड़िशा के नवजागरण के वैशिष्ट्य का विश्लेषण किया। इस कार्य में मैंने उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय के पुस्तकालय से काफी सामग्री जुटायी। रेवेन्शा महाविद्यालय में भी अनेक दुर्लभ ग्रंथ थे। मैं सुश्री से डॉक्टर में बदल गई। यह मेरा सौभाग्य था।

अब मेरा कर्मक्षेत्र रमादेवी विश्वविद्यालय है। अपने भवन पर खड़ी होकर जब मेरी आँखें उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय के भवन पर, खासकर लाईब्रेरी की छतरियों पर टिक जाती हैं तो उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय की मातृसत्ता की महनीयता मुझे रोमांचित कर देती है। आज उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय अनेक क्षेत्रों में नई ऊँचाई को छू रहा है। आज उसकी संतान रमादेवी महिला विश्वविद्यालय भी



सफलता के रास्ते पर चल पड़ा है। हिंदी का नया विभाग - उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय में हमारे अस्तित्व और अस्मिता को नया आयाम देगा।

मेरे इन प्यारे शिक्षा –प्रतिष्ठानों को शत-शत नमन।



काबिल मैं बन गई !

झुनुबाला खुण्टिआ

पास ही के गाँव से रमादेवी महाविद्यालय को पढ़ने आती थी और वाणीविहार के चौक में बाईं ओर मुड़ती थी तो मनमें कभी-कभी यह तमन्ना झाँकती कि क्या दाईं ओर उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय में कभी घूस सकूँगी ? जब रमादेवी में बी.ए कर चुकी तो पता लगा कि उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय में घरेलू तरीके से हिंदी में एम.ए. करने का प्रावधान है। साधनहीन एक लड़की के भाग्य से छींका टूटा। मै फौरन हिंदी पढ़ने लगी। अपनी अध्यापिकाओं से मदद ली और समय आने पर हिंदी में एम.ए.की डिग्री हासिल की। तभी मेरे मन में यह आशा जगी कि छायावादी काव्य और रवीन्द्रनाथ पर शोधकार्य करूँ। मेरा सौभाग्य था मेरा प्रस्ताव मेरे निर्देशक प्रोफेसर राधाकांत मिश्र जी ने मान लिया। मैं बराबर उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय के पुस्तकालय जाती रही, पढ़ती रही और गुरुदेव के तत्वावधान में शोध कार्य करती रही। परिजा लाईब्रेरी के कर्मचारियों की सहायता और सौहार्द्र से काम करना और आसान हो गया। उस पुस्तकालय और उन सहृदय कर्मचारियों के बिना काम पूरा करना असंभव हो जाता क्योंकि उस पुस्तकालय में रवीन्द्रनाथ ठाकुर पर दुर्लभ और मेरे शोधकार्य के लिए उपयोगी ऐसी कई पुस्तकें मुझे प्राप्त हुई जिसका अन्यत्र कहीं जुगाड़ करना मेरे वश की बात ही नहीं थी। विश्वकवि रवीन्द्रनाथ के बारे में ज्यादा जानकारी के लिए मैं शांतिनिकेतन गई। वहाँ के विश्वभारती विश्वविद्यालय के हिंदी विभाग के पुस्तकालय का भी लाभ उठाया। वहाँ उस कार्य में प्रोफेसर रवीन्द्रनाथ मिश्र जी ने अनेक प्रकार से मेरी मदद की। इस शोधकार्य के चलते हमारे प्रांत के हरेकृष्ण महताब स्टेट लाईब्रेरी को भी मैं जाती रही। वहाँ भी ऐसे अनेक विद्यानुरागी, सहृदय कर्मचारीगण मुझे मिले जिनका सहयोग सराहनीय है। इन सभी सहृदय तथा महानुभवों के सहयोग विशेषकर उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय के परिजा पुस्तकालय के कर्मचारियों के सहयोग के कारण मेरा शोध कार्य सफल हुआ। परीक्षकों ने उसकी बड़ी तारीफ की। मुझे पीएच.ड़ी की उपाधि हालही में मिल गई। उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय की छत्रछाया में मेरा काम अनायास ही हो गया। काबिल मैं बन गई।

मुझे अभी जो यू.एन.ऑटोनोमोश कॉलेज में अध्यापिका होने का सौभाग्य मिला, मैं उसका श्रेय उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय को ही देती हूँ। आज जब यहाँ हिंदी का स्वतंत्र शिक्षण विभाग



चालू हुआ तो मैं सर्वाधिक प्रसन्न हूँ क्योंकि मेरे पीछे आनेवाली पीढ़ी को इससे अनेक लाभ मिलेगा। काबिल तो मैं बन गई और इस पावन संस्थान के कारण आप सब भी मुझसे ज्यादा काबिल बनेगें, ऐसी उम्मीद मैं रखती हूँ।

अंत में आप सभी को उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय के पवित्र प्रांगण में स्नातकोत्तर हिंदी विभाग खुलने की अनेक-अनेक बधाई ।



उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय का प्लाटिनम महोत्सव! इस विद्यापीठ [illegible]
का परिगणन और नवीन संभावनाओं पर चिंतन! इस भव्य परिवेश की प्रतिक्रिया है- इस वर्ष नए हिंदी विभाग का प्रारंभ। अभी संस्कृत विभाग में ही हिंदी विभाग का कार्य चल रहा है। संस्कृत सभी आर्यभाषाओं की जननी है। हिंदी के विकास में उसका योगदान सर्वमान्य है, यहीं पर बरसों पहले हिंदी का डिप्लोमा पाठ्यक्रम चलाया जाता था। आज नए रूप में एम.ए. की पढ़ाई शुरू हुई है।

हिंदी भाषा देश की राजभाषा स्वीकृत हो गई है। यह जन-गण को जोड़नेवाली संपर्क भाषा है। एक राष्ट्र की एक संपर्क भाषा होना आवश्यक है। इसके लिए देशभर में प्रयत्न जारी है। उत्कल विश्वविद्यालय ने इस भाषा के अध्ययन-अध्यापन का बीड़ा उठाया है। यह एक महत्वपूर्ण राष्ट्रीय कार्यक्रम है। इसे शीघ्र ही आरंभ करना चाहिए था।

खुशी की बात है कि विश्वविद्यालय के प्रवीण कुलपति की नजर इधर गई और उन्होंने विभाग खोलने का निर्णय लिया और मुझे संयोजक की जिम्मेदारी दी। मैं प्रसन्न हूँ कि मुझे यह महान कार्य सौंपा गया है। मैं पूरी लगन के साथ हिंदी विभाग के विकास के लिए कार्यरत हूँ। मुझे आशा है कि यह विभाग आगामी दिनों में पूर्णत: विकसित और उद्भासित होगा। कुलपति का उत्साह हमारा प्रेरणास्रोत है। पी.जी.कौंसिल की अध्यक्ष का मार्गदर्शन हमें परिपुष्ट कर रहा है। हिंदी के नामी दो प्राध्यापक-प्रो.राधाकांत मिश्र और प्रो.स्मरप्रिया मिश्र अपना अनमोल सहयोग दे रहे हैं। संख्या जितनी हो हमारे विद्यार्थी कर्म तत्पर है। मुझे विश्वास है, हम सफलता की सीढ़ियाँ पार कर सिद्धि प्राप्त करेंगे। यह नवोन्मेष पुष्पित-पल्लवित होगा। अपने कर्म से आभामंडित होगा। विश्वविद्यालय में राष्ट्रीय संस्कृति का वातावरण बनेगा।

मैं कुलपति को कृतज्ञता और सबके प्रति आभार व्यक्त करता हूँ।



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समग्रेऽस्मिन् भारतवर्षे स्थितेषु बहुषु विश्वविद्यालयेषु मम प्रिय: भवति उत्कलविश्वविद्यालय:। विश्वविद्यालयोऽयं ओडिशाप्रदेशस्य सर्वप्राचीन: तथा सर्ववृहत् विश्वविद्यालय: यस्य प्रतिष्ठा अभवत् 1943 तमे वर्षे। अस्य विश्वविद्यालस्य ध्येयवाक्यं (Motto) भवति 'सत्यं परं धीमहि' यस्य इंराजी-अर्थ: भवति 'Seek the highest truth' । इदानीं विश्वविद्यालयस्यास्य कुलाधिपतय: भवन्ति ओडिशाप्रदेशस्य माननीया: राज्यपाला: प्रो. गणेशीलाल्महोदया:। तथैव कुलपतय: भवन्ति प्रो. सौमेन्द्रमोहनपट्टनायकमहोदया:। इदानीमस्मिन् विश्वविद्यालये सप्तविंशति: (27) विभागा: (Departments) सन्ति। तेषु विभागेषु अस्माकं संस्कृतविभाग: अनन्य: अन्यतमश्च। अस्मात् विभागात् बहव: छात्रा: समग्रे भारतवर्षे भारतात् बहिरपि कार्यरता: अवस्थापिताश्च सन्ति। अस्माकं संस्कृतविभागात् अनेके अध्यापका: विदेशे अध्यापयन्ति स्म पुनश्च विभिन्नेषु विश्वविद्यालयेषु कुलपतिरूपेण कार्यनिर्वाहं कृतवन्त: इदानीमपि कुर्वन्ति च। एवंभूते गारिमामयसंस्कृतविभागे मम स्नातकोत्तरशिक्षा (Post Graduation) समाप्ता तदनन्तरं M.phil अपि समाप्ता जाता। इदानीमहम् उत्कलविश्वविद्यालयस्य संस्कृतविभागस्य शोधछात्रा (Research Scholar) अस्मि। छात्रछात्राणां कृते उत्कलविश्वविद्यालय: सर्वदैव प्रेरणाया: उत्स: इव तिष्ठति। अत्र न केवलं पाठ्यक्रमा: पठ्यन्ते अपितु विभिन्नावसरे आलोचनाचक्राणि (Seminars), कार्यशाला: (Workshops, Symposium) इत्यादय: सर्वदा प्रचल्यन्ते छात्रान् अग्रे प्रेरितुम्।

2009 वर्षत: अद्यावधि अत्र मम अध्ययनकाले बहव: पाठ्यसहयोगिकार्यक्रमा: (Cocurricular Activities) अनुष्ठीयन्ते। तदवलोक्य तत्र प्रत्यक्षरूपेण अंशं गृहीत्वा अहं सर्वदा अग्रेसरितुं जीवनस्य लक्ष्यं च प्राप्तुम् उत्साहिता भवामि। मम स्नातकोत्तरशिक्षासमये 2011 तमे वर्षे अत्र उत्कलविश्वविद्यालयस्य संस्कृतविभागपक्षत: एका आन्तर्जातीया सम्मिलनी (International Conference) आयोजिता आसीत्। सा भवति International Conference on Holistic Health and Yogic Practices in the Vedic and Later Sanskrit Texts, (From 14th – 17th March, 2011) । अहमपि अस्मिन्नवसरे प्रत्यक्षतया अंशं गृहीतवती यद्यपि तदाहं स्नातकोत्तरछात्रा आसीत्। अस्य कारणं भवति अस्माकं संस्कृतविभागस्य मम सर्वे गुरव:, ते तु सर्वदा सर्वथा च अग्रेसरितुं प्रेरयन्ति स्म। तेषां गुरूणां प्रेरणा अद्यावधि मां प्रेरयति परोक्षरूपेण। पुनश्च अस्माकं विभागपक्षत: 2011 तमे वर्षे एकं जातीय-आलोचनाचक्रमपि आयोजितं तत् भवति National Conference on Srikshetra and Sri Jagannath in the Purana Literature, (From 29th – 30th October, 2011) । पुनश्च 2012 तमे वर्षे संस्कृतविभागपक्षत: एका जातीयसंगोष्ठी आयोजिता आसीत् सा भवति National Seminar on Thinkers of Yoga down the Ages, (From 24th – 25th March,



2012) । पुनश्च 2013 तमे वर्षे अस्माकं विभागपक्षत: एकं जातीय-आलोचनाचक्रं समायोजितं तत् भवति National Seminar on Modern Sanskrit poetry of odisha, (From 15th – 16th March, 2013) । पुनश्च 2016 तमे वर्षे एका आन्तर्जातीया संगोष्ठी आयोजिता आसीत् अस्माकं विभागपक्षत: सा भवति International Seminar on Yoga and Life Style Management, (From 5th – 6th February, 2016) । पुनश्च 2016 तमे वर्षे उत्कलविश्वविद्यालपक्षत: सप्तविंशतिविभागानां शोधछात्राणां कृते Utkal University Research Scholars, Conclave (30th April, 2016) आयोजितम्। तत्र शोधछात्रारूपेण अहमपि अंशं गृहीतवती तथा Poster माध्यमेन मम शोधविषयमपि उपस्थापितवती। तस्मिन् कार्यक्रमे स्नातकोत्तर-इंराजी-विभाग:, स्नातकोत्तर-ओडिआ-भाषा-साहित्य-विभाग:, स्नातकोत्तर-संस्कृतविभाग: इति विभागत्रयेषु शोधछात्रेषु छात्रासु च अहं प्रथमस्थानम् अधिकृतवती तदानीन्तन-उच्चशिक्षामन्त्रिणा पुरस्कृता अपि अभवम्। एतस्य श्रेय: प्राप्तुमर्हन्ति मम विभागस्य सर्वे गुरव: ये तु मां प्रेरितवन्त: उत्साहितवन्तश्च । पुनश्च 2017 तमे वर्षे अस्माकं विभागपक्षत: एका जातीयसंगोष्ठी आयोजिता आसीत् । सा भवति National Mission for Manuscripts Sponsored National Seminar on "Contribution of Odisha to Sanskrit Manuscripts: 1801 – 1950". (From 25th – 27th December, 2017) । पुनश्च 2019 तमे वर्षे एका कार्यशाला अनुष्ठिता जाता सा भवति Workshop on "A Compendium of Ancient Educational Thoughts in Sanskrit", Sponsored by NCERT, New Delhi, (From 29th October to 1st November 2019).

उक्तेषु सर्वेषु कार्यक्रमेषु अहं प्रत्यक्षरूपेण अंशग्रहणं कृतवती। मम विभागस्य ये गुरव: आसन् ये तु इदानीमपि सन्ति ते तु सर्वदैव प्रेरणाया: उत्सा: भवन्ति। अस्माकं उत्कलविश्वविद्यालय: एक: ऐतिह्यसंपन्न: विश्वविद्यालय:। अस्य विश्वविद्यालयस्य छात्रारूपेण अहम् आत्मानं धन्या मन्ये। अद्यावधि अहं यां काञ्चिदपि सफलतां प्राप्ताऽस्मि तस्य श्रेय: केवलं मम विश्वविद्यालयस्य। मम जीवनस्य सर्वश्रेष्ठलक्ष्यपूरणार्थं मम विश्वविद्यालय:, तत्रत्य स्नातकोत्तर-संस्कृत-विभाग:, तत्रत्या: गुरव: सर्वदैव: अविस्मरणीया: आसन् सन्ति भविष्यन्ति इत्यत्र नास्ति कश्चित् सन्देह:।

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उत्कलविश्वविद्यालयः मम छात्रजीवनस्य आधारस्तम्भः

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समग्रेऽस्मिन् भारतवर्षे विद्यमानेषु प्रदेशेषु अस्माकम् ओडिशा-प्रदेशः अन्यतमः। अस्मिन् ओडिशाप्रदेशे विद्यमानेषु विश्वविद्यालयेषु अस्माकम् उत्कलविश्वविद्यालयः सर्वप्राचीनः सर्ववृहत् च । ऐतिह्यसंपन्नः उत्कलविश्वविद्यालयः न केवलं भारतवर्षे अपितु समग्रे विश्वे सुपरिचितः। एतादृशे विश्वविद्यालये अध्ययनं मम एकः स्वप्नः आसीत् एकदा। यतो हि मम अग्रजः अत्र भौतिकविज्ञान-विभागे अधीतवान्। मम एतादृशः स्वप्नः वास्तवतां संप्राप्तः 2009 तमे वर्षे। तदारभ्य इदानीं यावत् अर्थात् 2009 वर्षतः आरभ्य 2019 वर्षं यावत् उत्कलविश्वविद्यालयेन साकं कदाचित् प्रत्यक्षरूपेण कदाचित् परोक्षरूपेण मम शैक्षिकसम्बन्धः वर्त्तते। मम स्नातकोत्तरशिक्षासमये (2009-11) अस्माकं संस्कृतविभागस्य विभागमुख्याः आसन् प्रो. प्रफुल्लकुमारमिश्रमहोदयाः। ते तु इदानीं डः राजेन्द्रप्रसाद-केन्द्रिय-कृषि-विश्वविद्यालये कुलाधिपतयः सन्ति। तदा अस्माकं विभागे प्रो. गोपालकृष्णदाशः, प्रो. राधामाधवदाशः, प्रो. रघुनाथपण्डा, प्रो. प्रतिभामञ्जरीरथः, प्रो. सुवाषचन्द्रदाशः, डः. दीनबन्धुत्रिपाठी, डः. पराम्बाश्रीयोगमाया विराजन्ते स्म। तदा छात्राणां विभागस्य च अनुरोधेन पूर्वतनविभागमुख्याः तथा श्रीजगन्नाथसंस्कृतविश्वविद्यालयस्य पूर्वतनकुलपतयः प्रो. अलेखचन्द्रषडङ्गीमहोदयाः अपि अत्रागत्य अस्मान् स्वतःप्रवृत्तरूपेण व्याकरणम् अध्यापितवान्। प्रो. सिद्धेश्वरजेनामहोदयाः अपि अस्मान् पाठितवन्तः। यदा अहं स्नातकोत्तरसंस्कृतविभागस्य पाठ्यचक्रसंपादकः (Seminar Secretary) आसीत् तदा अस्माकं विभागस्य छात्र-उपदेष्टा-प्रो.-सुवाषचन्द्रदाशमहोदयाः अनेकस्मिन् समये विभिन्नपरिस्थितिसु च समुचितमार्गदर्शनं कारयन्ति स्म। मम विभागस्य सर्वे गुरवः सर्वदा अग्रेसरितुं प्रेरितवन्तः। एकदा मम यः स्वप्नः आसीत् यत् उत्कलविश्वविद्यालये एव अध्ययनं तत् साकारं भवति यतो हि अत्र एव प्रो. राधामाधवदाशमहोदयस्य प्रत्यक्षतत्त्वावधानेन मम M.Phil समाप्तः अनन्तरं Ph.d इदानीं प्रचलति। अहम् उत्कलविश्वविद्यालयस्य शोधछात्ररूपेण गर्वितः। उत्कलविश्वविद्यालयः मम छात्रजीवनस्य आधारस्तम्भः इति वक्तुं शक्नोमि ।

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वाणीं विद्याप्रदां वन्दे शुभ्रवस्त्रां सरस्वतीम् ।
हंसे पद्मे समासीनां वीणापुस्तकधारिणीम् ।। २ ।।
स्मृतिः पुरातनी पुण्या जायते मानसे मम ।
पूर्वं पठनकालस्य स्नातकोत्तरसंस्कृते ।। ३ ।।
कटके तु तदा चासीद् (उत्कल)विश्वविद्यालयो वुधाः ।
महानद्यास्तु वै पार्श्वे चास्य कार्यालयः पुनः ।। ४ ।।
वैज्ञानिकाः प्रसिद्धा ये (डः)श्री प्राणकृष्णविश्रुताः ।
परिजोपाह्व सम्पन्नाः कुलपतय एव ते ।। ५ ।।
रथोपाह्वाः सुविश्रुता गोराचान्दमहोदयाः ।
कुलसचिवा एवासन् स्वकर्त्तव्यपरायणाः ।। ६ ।।
विश्वविद्यालयस्यासन् विभागास्त्रय एव वै ।
दर्शनं संस्कृतं चार्थ(नीतिः) रेभेन्सा समीपे पुनः (वर्द्धमानकोठि) ।। ७ ।।
संस्कृतस्य विभागस्य (१ ९ ५ ७-५ ८) वर्षे प्रारम्भ एव वै ।
वर्षे तस्मिन् वुधाः शिष्याः पञ्च षट् वा स्मराम्यहम् ।। ८ ।।
परवत्तिनी वै वर्षे (१ ९ ५ ८-५ ९) छात्रश्चाहं वुधाः पुनः ।
वयं तथैव पञ्च वा शिष्याः षड् वै स्मराम्यहम् ।। ९ ।।
वुधाः ! (अतिथि) प्राचार्यरूपेण चार्त्तवल्लभा एव वै ।
महान्ति करोपाह्वास्ते करुणाकरा एव ते ।। १ ० ।।
(नियमितभावेन) प्रधानास्ते च प्रह्लादाः प्राचार्या वुधा ! एव ते ।



(ङ:) अनाम (स्वाइँ) स्वामिनो वुधा: प्राध्यापकास्तु ते पुन: ।। ११ ।।
(ङ:) सावित्री (राउत) देव्यो वै चाध्यापिकास्तु वै तदा ।
ते सर्वे गुरवो विज्ञा मान्या: स्वर्गता एव वै ।। १२ ।।

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भूवनेश्वरे उत्कलविश्वविद्यालय:

वर्षे (१९६१) विश्वविद्यालयश्चायं राजते भुवनेश्वरे ।
विपुलं चैव स्थानं वै भवनानि च प्राप्तवान् ।।
वाणीविहार नाम्ना तु स्थानं वै नामितं वुधा: ।। १३ ।।
कार्यालयं गृहं चैव सुविशालं सुसज्जितम् ।
भवनं कुलपतेर्गृहं चैव प्राचार्यभवनानि वै ।।
प्राध्यापकगृहाण्येव चाध्यापकगृहं तथा ।।१४ ।।
कर्मचारी-गृहाण्येव वहुविधानि सन्ति वै ।
निवसन्ति च सुखेन सर्वे सानन्दमेव ते ।। १५ ।।
छात्रावासास्त्रयो विज्ञा-छात्रीनिवास एव वै ।
निवसन्ति च सुखेन सानन्दं सर्व एव ते ।। १६ ।।
विभागा ननु वै त्रिंशद् विश्वविद्यालये तथा ।
शिष्या: खलु पठन्त्येव तेषु च वहुसंख्यया ।। १७ ।।
ग्रन्थागारं विशालं वै परिजानामशोभितम् ।
वहुतलविशिष्टं तद् वहु पुस्तकमण्डितम् ।। १८ ।।
गुरुणां चैव शिष्याणां वहुधा चोपकारकम् ।
पठनभवने शिष्या: पठन्त्येव तु वै वुधा: ।। १९ ।।
(मुख्य) प्रवेशमार्गयोर्मध्ये वाण्यामूर्त्तिस्तु स्थापिता ।
सुविशाला च पाषाणी मनोहारिणी सैव वै ।। २० ।।
यस्या वाण्यास्तु वै नाम्ना वाणीविहारो नामित: ।
मुक्ताकाशे तु सा देवी वुधास्तिष्ठति सर्वदा ।। २१ ।।
आवरणं यतो नास्ति देव्या उपरि सज्जना: ।
वृष्टिं वातं तथा तापं शैत्यं सा सहते सदा ।। २२ ।।



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वाणीविहारो मम प्रथमं कर्मक्षेत्रम्

परिभाषा विभागे वै विश्वविद्यालयस्य च ।
कर्त्तृपक्षैर्नियुक्तोऽहं गवेषणासहायक: ।। २३ ।।
उद्भिदां-प्राणिनाञ्चैव (विज्ञानानां) मनसतु तथा वुधा: ।
(शब्द) अर्थ निरूपणार्थं च मातृभाषया एव वै ।। २४ ।।

उद्भिदविज्ञानस्य (Botany) प्राणीविज्ञानस्य (Zoology) मनोविज्ञानस्य (Psychology Technical terms) जटिलशब्दानाम् (Technical terms) उत्कलभाषया अर्थनिरूपणार्थं विषयसमितय: आसन् । विषयाणां प्राचार्या: अन्ये विद्वासंश्च समागत्य उत्कलभाषया अनुवादं कृतवन्त: । उद्भिदविज्ञानविषये स्वयं (ड:) प्राणकृष्णपरिजामहोदया: प्राणीविज्ञाने प्राचार्या: वसन्तकुमारवेहुरामहोदया: मनोविज्ञाने ड: राधानाथरथमहोदया: समागत्य शब्दानामनुवादं कृतवन्त:। अनुवादकरणे भाषादृष्ट्या व्याकरणदृष्ट्या च तेषामहं सहायतां कृतवान् । १९६१ तम वर्षस्य सम्भवत: जुलाइमासादारभ्य १९६२ तम वर्षस्य नभेम्बरमासं यावदहं कार्यं कृतवान् । वासभवनमहं तत्र प्राप्तवान् । ततोऽध्यापकरूपेण नियुक्तिं प्राप्य २२/११/१९६२ दिवसे पुर्यां सामन्तचन्द्रशेखरमहाविद्यालये संस्कृताध्यापकरूपेण योगदानं कृतवान् ।

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उपसंहार:

पञ्चसप्ततिवर्षाणि विश्वविद्यालयस्य वै ।
पूर्णानीति जयन्तीं वै हीरकस्यैव पाल्यतै ।। २५ ।।
सर्वेषां देवदेवीनामाशीर्वादेन भूयसा ।
विश्वविद्यालयश्चायं वद्धतामुत्तरोत्तरम् ।। २६ ।।

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About the Department

Beginning of the Journey ...

The birth of the department of Analytical and Applied Economics took place with the name of Department of Rural Economics and Sociology in the year 1956 with an initial grant from the Ford Foundation. The department started functioning from the Burdwan House located at Cuttack. In 1960, one year Diploma course in social science research methodology was introduced along with the shift of the University campus from Burdwan House, Cuttack, to the present location at VaniVihar, Bhubaneswar. The Post Graduate teaching in Applied Economics was introduced in the department in 1963 and latter on the name was changed to the Department of Analytical and Applied Economics.

Major milestones:

In recognition of the significant contributions made by this department in the field of economics research, the U.G.C. selected the department as a Centre for Teacher-Fellowship Program in Economics in the year 1977, as a Department of Special Assistance (DSA) in the year 1989, ASIHSS grant awardee in 2006 and has been upgraded to Centre of Advanced Study (CAS) in Economics from 2010-11 academic session. The academic and research contribution of the department was also recognized by the State Bank of India and it instituted a Chair in Rural Economics in 1981, by creating an Endowment of Rs.6 lakhs and it functioned till 2000. The Reserve Bank of India also instituted a Chair in Institutional Finance in 1982 and steps have been initiated to revive the chair. As a leading teaching and research centre in India, the department holds seminars, conferences, discussions and interactive sessions regularly in the areas of social sector economics, rural economics, environmental economics, agricultural economics et cetera.

Goals of the Department

1. The department aims to offer the best analytical and applied post graduate teaching and research in Economics.
2. Going beyond the classroom teaching the department aims to impart the applied skills to students which will be useful for building a career in academia, industry, administration and social work.

Courses Being Offered

1. MA - 88 students in each batch
2. MPhil - 10 students in each batch
3. PhD – Number of enrolment in PhD coursework programme is subject to vacancy available.

Learning beyond the classroom

While teaching in the classroom, we felt that without exposure to ground realities, the teaching of sophisticated economic remains only imaginative and many times takes away the students from the real world. In order to integrate the teaching of economic theories in the class room with the ground realities of the Indian economy, we take our students to village for doing some field based research work. For this purpose the MA fourth semester students are chosen. After the completion of third semester students are familiar with the basics of economic theory and research methodology. Therefore, they are in a position to apply the bookish knowledge in doing some research. The department has also adopted a tribal village named Bhagabatipur, in Chandaka Panchayat of Bhubaneswar Block in Khurdha district. Till date two rounds of surveys have been conducted to find out the education and health status of the people residing in the village.

Library

1. The seminar library possesses a rich collection of 4, 460 numbers of text and reference books and subscribes 22 numbers of journals.
2. Besides there is a 24X7 students' seminar library with more than 600 text books and 200 books for competitive examinations

ICT Facilities

The department has a Computer Lab which is currently equipped with 24 computer systems for imparting necessary ICT skills. Teaching and technological aids like in-built-projectors, whiteboard, blackboard photocopy machines, printers, and scanners are available for conducting classes and seminar presentations. Software packages like STATA, E-Views, R and SPSS have been provided to the students for facilitating advanced economic research.

Extra-curricular activities of the Department

1. Welcome for freshers
2. Ganesh Pooja
3. Picnic
4. Study Tour
5. Saraswati Pooja
6. Several Competitions for annual day celebration
7. Annual Function (in March)
8. Farewell to outgoing students

Mentoring by Faculty Members of the Department

From the last four years the faculty members of the department are engaged in mentoring the post graduate students. Each faculty member has been allotted approximately 28 students spread across both the batches. These students undertake dissertation/research work under the able guidance of their mentors. Along with academic supervision, the mentors help the students in addressing their professional and personal issues, ensuring their overall development.

Former Distinguished Faculty Members of the Department

1. Late Professor Bidyadhar Mishra, Founder professor, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Utkal University
2. Late Professor Baidyanath Mishra, Ex-Vice Chancellor, OUAT, Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board
3. Shri Sanjiv Hota, IAS,Ex-Principal Secretary, Government of Orissa.
4. Shri D. P. Bagchi, IAS, Ex-Chief secretary, Government of Orissa
5. Professor Santosh Panda, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, New Delhi
6. Professor G. C. Kar, Ex-Director, NKCDS, Bhubaneswar
7. Professor Sailabala Devi, Ex-Director, CMDR, Dharward, Karnatak
8. Professor Sudhakar Panda, Chairman, Third State Finance Commission , Odisha and Vice-chancellor of Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar
9. Late Professor Adwait K. Mohanty, Member , Fourth State Finance Commission , Odisha
10. Professor R. K. Panda, Ex-Director, NKCDS, Bhubaneswar
11. Prof Bhabesh Sen, Adjunct Faculty, Xavier University, Bhubaneswar
12. Professor Kumar B. Das, Ex-Vice-Chancellor, F. M. University
13. Professor Padmaja Mishra, First VC, Ramadevi Womens University, Bhubaneswar

Current Faculty Members of the Department

1. Dr Mitali Chinara, Professor and Head of the Department
2. Dr Himanshu Shekhar Rout, Reader
3. Dr Siba SankarMohanty, Reader
4. Dr Alok RanjanBehera, Assistant Professor
5. Dr Swayam Prava Mishra, Assistant Professor
6. Dr Atal Bihari Das, Assistant Professor

Supporting Staff of the Department

1. Dr. (Smt.) Jhunu Nanda, Library Assistant
2. Sri Bibhuti Bhusan Swain, Junior Assistant
3. Sri. Rajendra Kumar Prusty, Steno
4. Sri Pratap Chandra Rout, Peon
5. Sri Dhoba Jena, Sweeper



The Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology was established as a separate Department in the year 1996 on the recommendation of the 8th Plan UGC visiting team (1990), by bifurcating it from the PG Department of History. This was done keeping in view the rich archaeological heritage of the state and to create human resources in the field of art and archaeology, which required emphasis on field study and training. The new department was aptly started under the expert guidance and stewardship of Professor Karuna Sagar Behera as the first head of the department. He was assisted by two faculty members. Professor Behera was an internationally acclaimed archaeologist and historian, whose contribution to the study of art, architecture and archaeology in the state is immense. His D.Litt. work on the Sun Temple at Konark and his book "Konark: The Heritage of Mankind, Art and Culture" is a masterpiece on Odhishan art. The Lingaraj Temple of Bhubaneswar-Art & Cultural Legacy; Maritime Heritage of India; The Madala Panji and many more books authored by him remain inexhaustible sources of inspiration for scholars..

His works gave new directions to research on art, archaeology and maritime studies. Under his able and inspiring leadership the department scaled new heights of academic excellence.. He was the first person who carried out trial trenches at Lalitagiri, the famous Buddhist site, in 1977 which was subsequently excavated by the ASI. The excavations led to the discovery of relic caskets.

Professor Asoka Nath Parida succeeded as the next head and carried forward the legacy of Professor Behera. It was the only university department in the state to offer courses exclusively in Art, Temple Architecture and Field Archaeology. His book "Early Temples of Orissa" brought great distinction to the department and gave young researchers useful models to follow.

In 2004, Professor Sadasiba Pradhan, a distinguished scholar, joined the department and was its head from 2004 to 2009 and again from 2011 to 2013. Under his able guidance the department conducted an excavation at Narisho, Niali in Prachi Valley, an early historic site. Professor Pradhan, was one of the pioneers in the country in the field of Rock Art. He has to his credit several books, of which "Rock Art of Orissa" is wellkniwn.

After the retirement of Professor Parida and Professor Pradhan, Professor Sanjay Acharya helms the department. Dr. Sushanta Patra and Dr. Anam Behera serve the department as Assistant Professors and, in November 2019, Dr. Sasmita Mishra joined as a guest faculty in the department.

During its journey from 1996 to 2019 the department has been striving to fulfil the aims and objective of its founders, i.e., to create skilled human resources to serve the state and the country, to protect and preserve the cultural heritage for the posterity. Many of our students after receiving training from the Institute of Archaeology, New Delhi, have joined the Archaeological Survey of India selected by the UPSC, Central SSC. Many have joined different wings of the Department of Culture, Govt. of Odisha. Students from the department assist in the various excavations conducted by ASI; some have joined as faculty in different institution across the country and in our state. Besides this, the faculty members have reported several new archaeological sites, which has have opened up new possibilities in the field of archaeological research.

The Department has produced more than 64 UGC / ICHR-JRF/SRF, NET, MANF and RGNF's.

The department's quest for excellence continues and its past achievements have laid the foundation for a glorious future.

A rumor during the summer school in chemistry at Ravenshaw College, Cuttack in 1967 that the Utkal University at Vani Vihar was going to open post graduate Department in Chemistry came true soon after the summer vacation. It became the second chemistry department in the state of Odisha to impart post graduate course in chemistry in the state of Odisha. Dr. Rabindra Kumar Nanda was the first faculty to join the Department on 18th August 1967 followed byDr. Bhaskar Dash. The department started functioning in the ground floor of Statistics department building with two rooms and intake of eight M.Sc. Part-I students. Later on Dr. Siba Ram Mohanty from BHU, Varanasi joined as Professor and took over the charge as Head of the Department from 18th December, 1967 and continued in that capacity till he joined Berhampur University at Jyoti Vihar as Vice Chancellor. In 1968, three more faculty namely Sri Anadi Charan Dash, Dr. Kailash Chandra Dash, and Dr. Pradipta Kumar Jesthi joined as lecturers. Some more space was made available to the department for student laboratories and sitting space for of faculty. In due course the student strength increased from 8 to 12 to 18. But the space limitation and inadequate infrastructure did not deter the faculty to carry on research activities along with teaching and other administrative responsibilities.

From the very beginning efforts were made by Prof. Mohanty to build up good infrastructure for carrying out research in Nuclear Chemistry mainly in the areas of exploring the annealing of radiation damage in solids and analytical applications of solvent extraction for radioactive elements while the rest faculty faculty members actively pursued research in other areas of Physical, Inorganic and Organic Chemistry. The department was also the first of a few institutes to receive a 60Co gamma ray radiation source from BARC, Mumbai. Side by side a special paper was offered to M.Sc. part-II students in Physical & Nuclear chemistry which resulted entry of more than 50 students of the department in to DAE organizations like BARC, Mumbai; IGCAR, Kalpakkam and others. Coordination chemistry research covering synthetic inorganic chemistry and reaction dynamic of complexes was another thrust area of research since the inception of the department which is continuing till date. The work of Dr. R. K. Nanda and Dr. A. C. Dash on reactions and mechanisms of coordination complexes not only identified them as a pioneering research group but also resulted in a large number of publications in reputed International journals including ACS, RSC journals. In recognition of their significant research, DST, Govt. of India provided fund to procure and install a sophisticated stopped flow spectrophotometer, first of its kind in eastern India and second in the country, for study of the kinetics and mechanisms of fast reactions in solution. With the passage of time and joining of new faculty, the department showed promising growth in research works in other areas of solution Chemistry, synthetic organic chemistry and polymer Chemistry. Just before the 64th session of the Indian Science Congress in the campus during 1977, the department was shifted to a newly constructed building where it is housed at present. With adequate space, the student intake at M.Sc. was then increased to 24 and subsequently to 28 and 32 at present. The Department is presently offering M.Sc. and M.Phil. courses in Chemistry besides Ph.D. programme in emerging fields of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences. Competitive syllabi have been adopted at all levels to make the courses more professional and to attract bright students to the department. As a result, about 50% of total M.Sc. students now qualify through NET/GATE to avail fellowships of other Institutes in the state and abroad for pursuing research in advanced areas of chemical sciences.

The Department is fortunate to have well qualified faculty members since the beginning and currently the Department has 10 faculty members with different specializations. Most of the former and existing faculty members have been recognised both at national and international levels for excellence in research and availed research fellowships like Humboldt, Commonwealth, Fulbright, BOYSCAST, JSPS, INSA, Visiting Professor etc. for higher research and training at different period of time. Almost all the faculty members have undertaken sponsored research projects funded by various National agencies and have successfully completed more than 30 individual research projects till date. In recognition of the research contributions, the department has been continuously supported by the UGC and DST, Govt. of India under Special Assistance Programmes (DRS-I/II, ASSIST, DSA-I/II) and DST (FIST, Purse)), respectively.

The Department has the distinction of having produced more than 200 Ph.D. and publications more than 1200 quality research papers in peer reviewed national/international journals with good citations and cumulative h-index. With changing scenario and research trends, the department has been focusing more attention on materials development for different applications and has been a part of Centre of Advanced materials & Applications under RUSA 2.0.

The department celebrated Silver Jubilee in1992 and Golden Jubilee in 2017 hosting international conferences on "Molecules to Materials" and "Recent Advances in Materials Chemistry", respectively. Besides these several conferences at National level on broad areas of "Recent trends in chemical sciences" have been organized. The department is proud of its alumni who have earned names for the Department by occupying important academic, administrative, industrial and other positions in India and abroad. The department has a registered Alumni Association and is undertaking different academic/developmental activities besides Annual Alumni Meet every year.

In all its endeavor, the department is committed to maintain the lofty ideals set up by its founders and predecessors, whose continued support and assistance made it thrive and progress to achieve the desired goal.

1. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT: AT A GLANCE

The Post Graduate Department of Commerce, a jewel on the crown of the Utkal University, started functioning from the year 1962 under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Suryakanta Das, the first Indian to get DBA from Washington University. The Department is proud of its teachers and students, who have been playing a pioneering role in the promotion of Commerce and Management education in the State of Odisha. Besides functioning as a teaching, training and research centre, the Department offers full time M. Phil and Ph. D. programme and also takes initiatives in training the teachers of affiliated colleges through various Workshops and Refresher Courses.

2. A MOTHER DEPARTMENT

The department played apioneer roleto start MBA Programme in the year 1984 and managed it as a sister programme till 1990. Then, Master of Finance Control (MFC) was started in 1996 and converted the same course into MBA (Financial Management) in 2015.

3. INFRASTRUCTURE:

The Department is equipped with state of the art infrastructure with boundary wall to cater to the curricular and extra-curricular needs. Well-furnished ICT enabled Smart classrooms with wi-fi connectivity, advanced computer lab, Conference Hall, Girls and Boys Common Room, Ladies and Gents Toilet, Alumni Room, Courtyard, etc. are available for use. Lush greenlawn and garden in front and backside fruit orchard add to the teaching learning ambience of the department. The departmental library with reading room has about 12,000 books and journals, of which DRS alone have 3,900 books. Students also have access to E-journals through INFLIBNET and Pro quest

4. FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS:

All the faculty members are with Doctoral degree and most of them are trained in Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad. All the teachers are nationaly known and regularly requested for guest talks in the universities outside state. Dr. R.K. Swain recently awarded with best researcher award in Bangok International Conference. Learning through experiencing and sharing has been the hallmark of the Department.

5. SEMINARS

Seminars, symposiums, workshops, panel discussions, etc. are the regular features of the department. The Department has organized 15 National and International seminars since 2015.

6. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES UNDER DRS - III

The Department has successfully completed its the DRS-III Programme in the year 2018, after successful completion of DRS I & II. Its Co-ordinator was Prof. J. K. Parida and Deputy Co-ordinator is Prof. P. K. Pradhan. The research theme was on 'Entrepreneurial Innovation in MSME Sector for Sustainable Tribal Area Development in Odisha' is undertaken in the tribal districts of Gajapati, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Kalahandi and Kandhamal. During summer vacations, department teachers visited above mentioned tribal districts to have firsthand information about the tribal handicrafts, their markets, obstacles and solutions. Workshosp for the tribal entrepreneurs and skill development werealso held at Baripada, Koraput and Bolangir.

7. COLLABORATIONS:

The Department believes in excellence through collaboration. The Department is organizing various programmes in collaboration with Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO), Bhubaneswar, MSME-DI, Cuttack, Insurance Institute of India, Pune, SEBI, Mumbai, etc. The 67th All India Commerce Conference was organized in collaboration with KIIT University. A Seminar on Career opportunities in security market was also organized in collaboration with Bombay Stock Exchange and NISM.

8. PUBLICATIONS:

To provide an outlet for intellectual pursuits, the Department brings out blind reviewed ISSN journals i.e., "The Utkal Business Review". The analytical talent on contemporary burning issues find a place in the Annual Publications, viz. "The BaniUnmesh" for M. Com students and "Finquest" for MBA (FM) students. Besides every year, the Department publishes "Placement Bulletin" and updates the alumni information in the "Pride of Commerce" and "Finpride".

9. INDUSTRIAL TOUR:

Both the M. Com and MBA (FM) students, as part of their annual curricular activity, this year visited various places of academic importance in North India and South India respectively. Ramakrishna Vivekananda University, Belur, Kolkata, West Bengal, MarutiUdyog, Gurgaon, Haryana and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Ranipur, Haridwar, Uttarakhand were visited by the students. To stimulate the intellectual minds and provide the hands on experience, LalBaahadurSashtri National Academy for Admnistration (LBSNAA), Mussorie, SansadBhawan, New Delhi, Faculty of Commerce, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, Haridwar were also visited by the M. Com students. Similarly, Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. and other financial and software companies at Bengaluru were visited by MBA (FM) students.

10. PLACEMENT & INTERNSHIP:

In order to acquaint them with real life two months compulsory organizational functioning, the students have undergone summer training in financial institutions such as BSE, NSE, Syndicate Bank, Bank of Baroda, RBI, SBI, Axis Bank, HDFC, Royal Bank of Scotland, ICICI Securities, Punjab National Bank, ICICI Prudential, Life Insurance Corporation of India, United Bank of India, Bank of India, etc. This year, most of the students have got job offers from national and multinational companies such as KPMG,Karvy, Asian Heart Institute, A. K. Capital, Capital IQ, HDFC Bank, Writers Corporation, Axis Bank, Tech Mahindra and YES Bank. Some of the students already have more than one offer in their hands.

11. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

Our students are not only active but also at the forefront in social activities. In continuation to the departmental tradition, they have been cleaning around the department to continue the legacy of Swachch Bharat Abhiyan. They have also undertaken this on the eve of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. This is also done in Bali Harchandi, a popular Picnic spot. These activities were highly appreciated by the public and media. The students and teachers visited Visually impaired children School and an Orphanage and distributed items of necessity. Teachers of the Department visited the Old age home and tribal hostel run by Ramakrushna Ashram at Madanpur Rampur, Kalahandi and inculcated a sense of well-being through their contributions.

GROWTH IS OUR HABIT AND COMMITMENT IS OUR LEGECY



A Computer Centre was established initially with different departments of the University, IBM-1130 computers were donated by the University Grants Commission in the year 1970 which has subsequently been placed by the WIPRO LANDMARK system at a cost of Rs. 16 lakh provided later by the UGC. The computer centre, while facilitating research work undertaken by various departments of the university earlier offered a Post-Graduate Diploma Course on Computer Application (DCA) from 1980 to 1997.

In 1990, the University opened the Department of Computer Science and Applications with the financial assistance from UGC for 5 Years where it was mentioned that the MCA course will be opened with intake of 30 students, with 50% reservation for outside state students.

In 1999, the university came up with integrated MCA course, which is a 5-year post-graduation course after the 12th (10+2). This course was very popular as students would got placement with multi-national companies.

In 2001, the M.Sc. Computer Science course started up which was based on entrance selection based and enrolled students must having prior computer bachelor's degree such as B.Sc. in Computer Science. This course has become hugely successful with good student background, contemporary course structure, and excellent placement record.

In 2005, the M.E (CSE) with Knowledge Engineering course was opened with financial assistance from MeitY (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology), Govt. of India for 7 years. Subsequently, the nomenclature of the course has been changed from M.E (CSE) to M.Tech (CSE) with self sustaining mode.

Besides these, the Department has strong research interests in diverse branches of Computer Science and offers a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme aimed at producing quality researchers.

To write the creative, intellectual and academic history of a post graduate department is simultaneously daunting and illuminating. And to narrate the glorious turns it took over the last fifty years is a privilege of the present. Names are etched in memory and the discourse is relishing.

Established in 1969, the story of the Department of English at Utkal University is one of continuous expansion and renewal. The 1960s was ripe for English studies in the country as a whole in the wake of the establishment of the American Studies Research Centre at Hyderabad (ASRC) in 1964. English at Utkal soon became the nodal centre in the state for training in American literature with the enthusiastic and liberal support from the USEFI (now USIEF). With a highly active British Council keen on promoting appreciation of the British literary canon by bringing learned and renowned professors from England. English and American literature continued to move at tandem and dominated the pedagogic scene in the English Department at Utkal for more than a decade. It thus witnessed the advent of the canon in the department with British and American literature while Translation was slowly cementing its place. The department hosted Prof. John Carey from Oxford and Prof. J.R Mulryne from Warwick for a seminar on Renaissance Drama in 1980 and Prof. Alan Duff from the United kingdom visited the department for a seminar on Art of Translation in 1985.

Gradually the department set its course homeward by introducing postcolonial literature into its curriculum with an emphasis on Indianization which soon gained momentum and developed in new directions. It was also during this period that the department became the epicenter of translation (from Odia to English) and creative writing. It is worthwhile to mention that the department was honoured to have the Jnanpith award winning veteran Odia writer Shri Gopinath Mohanty as a writer-in-residence in the eighties.

With professional skill oriented training as its other goal, the English department took up Linguistics, English Language Teaching and Professional writing as specialized areas in the subsequent decades.

The English Department organized two back to back International Conferences in 2017 and 2018 on Decentering English Studies and Politics of Letters with distinguished speakers from India and abroad.

Recent approach towards literature has changed with the choice based syllabi put in place with plenty of opportunity for the MA aspirant though the challenges are multi-fold. However, from teaching literatures of the world to that of Indian classics in translation, the road ahead is outlined with a trajectory of one unified course having ample scope of experimenting with the core and the peripheral, the canonical and the popular. Continuing its interest in travel narratives and translation studies, the area of language education has been stretched to import material from the home grown print and electronic media fulfilling the mission of multi-lingual and multi-cultural studies in English without shying away from standardization of Indian English. The syllabus of our doctoral and master of philosophy programme is a blend of the critical and theoretical practice of the east and the west with seminal essays from both schools of thought.

During the Platinum Jubilee celebration of Utkal University, the department conducted two sessions in a literary festival on poetry and translation.

The department has initiated a novel practice of holding scholarly talks by distinguished academicians for its Golden Jubilee year. So far, two lectures by Prof. Yudit Greenberg from Rollins College, Florida and Prof. Stephanos Stephanides from the University of Cyprus have been held.

The department has some of its best practices in the form of a reading group ARIEL, a research scholar seminar group and a newsletter providing platforms for debates and write-ups on current literary and cultural studies. Sansparsh is the voice of the alumni association of the department.

Succession List of Heads of the Department

1. Prabhat Nalini Das, Founding Professor (1969-1987)

2. Jatindra Mohan Mohanty (1988-1990)

3. Ganeswar Mishra (1990-1992)

4. BiyotKesh Tripathy (1992-1994)

5. Mahajiteswar Das (1994-1995)

6. Sarat Chandra Satapathy (1995-1997)

7. Jugal Kishore Chand (1997-1999)

8. Srinibas Tripathy (1999-2001)

9. Himansu Sekhar Mohapatra (2001-2003)

10. Jatindra Kumar Nayak (2003-2005)

11. Sarat Chandra Satapathy (2005-2009)

12. Himansu Sekhar Mohapatra (2009-2011)

13. Kalyani Samantray (2011-2013)

14. Jatindra Kumar Nayak (2013-2015)

15. Himansu Sekhar Mohapatra (2015-2017)

16. Asim Ranjan Parhi (2017-)

The legacy is not always history; it embodies the sparks from the present. At 50, English at Utkal aspires to flourish more and continue to soar.

Post Graduate Department of English

Utkal University, Vani Vihar

*A comprehensive history on the basis of available sources/documents, details on individual members of faculty and academic history of the department appear on 'English at Utkal' displayed at the Department.



1. The Beginning

Department of Geography was set up in the Vani Vihar campus on 12th September 1970. It was the first university department to impart post graduate education in Geography in the state. The department started its journey with a vision to be a centre of excellence in geographic education focussing on quality teaching, innovative research and socially relevant outreach activities.

Department started with Mrs. Gouri Dutta as the first faculty member followed by Dr. S. N. Tripathy, Dr. B. N. Sinha and Dr. D. K. Singh in the beginning . Prof. B. N. Sinha was the founding Professor and Head, who led this to a leading geography department in Eastern India. Department celebrated its Silver Jubilee in 1995 and its Golden Jubilee is in the offing in 2020. The department started with 8 students in 1970 which has now increased to 24 in view of the demand of the subject in the state. The department was conferred with DRS (Phase-1) by UGC in the year 2007 for its outstanding contributions to the field of geography.

Presently the department has its independent building. The department has cartography laboratory, RS and GIS laboratory with ARC GIS and ERDAS Imagine software. Desktop computers are available for teachers and students with internet facility. Laptops are provided to the faculty members for teaching and research works. GPS, Mirror Stereoscope, Pocket Stereoscopes, Rotameters and Planimeters, OHP, LCD and projectors are available for teaching in the classes. The department has various scales of physical models, maps, topographical sheets, planning maps, satellite imagery and areal photographs. The department has reference library with books, journals and research reports, newspapers in both English and Odia, Employment News, Yojana and Kurukshetra for the teachers and students. Students are regularly going for field tours and visit various organisations to expand their knowledge.

2. Faculty

Besides the above four faculty members, others who have served the department were Prof. S. K. Mohanty, Prof. J. K. Routray, Mr. P. K. Mohapatra, Dr. M. R. Routray, Dr. C. R. Satapathy, Prof..G. K. Panda, Prof. P. K. Kara and Dr. Ranjana Bajpai. Dr. Dinabandhu Tripathy and Dr. S. K. Mohanty had served as guest faculty for some time to the department. The present faculty members in the department are Prof. K. M. Sethy, Dr. K. C. Rath, Dr. D. Panda, Dr. A. C.Pathy and Dr. Rabiul Ansari (as guest faculty).

The department offers M.Sc./M. A., M. Phil., Ph.D., D.Sc. and D.Lit. programme in Geography focussing on some of the major thrust areas of Physical Geography, Urban and Regional Planning, Geospatial Technology, Climate Resilience and Disaster Management. M.Phil. programme started in the year 1978 by admitting 6 students which subsequently changed to 10. Sri P.N. Pradhan from Nepal was the first student to get Ph.D. degree from this department in 1975 under Colombo plan Fellowship.

4. Innovation and Outreach

The department has started an innovative and skill-based self-financing programme on" P.G. Diploma in Remote Sensing and GIS" to create opportunities of employability and for those who look for a career in industries. Most of the students are engaged in various sectors of the society and many of them have emerged as the entrepreneurs in this field. This programme admits 20 students every year.

5. Awards and Distinctions

The department is proud to have its faculties who have been able to take the department to the international arena with their academic contributions through Fullbright Fellowship, Commonwealth Fellowship, Indo-polish Fellowship, British Council Fellowship and Humboldt Fellowship.

6. Alumini

Alumni association of the department started in the year 2005 with Mr P. K. Mohapatra, a first batch student of this department as its first president. The members of the alumni of the department are there in the diverse fields of the society ranging from politics to administration, academics to research, as well as in the civil service organizations.

7. Placements

With the changing course curriculum and introduction of new areas of knowledge and skill in the subject, employability of our students has also been widely diversified over the years. Now our alumni and students have served and are working with the organisations ranging from the dept. of Space to the state level organisations. To name a few are IIRS,ITPI, Town planning, NDMA, OSDMA ORSAC, ICZM, IIT, NCERT,CDA,SOI etc. A number of our students are working in USA, Canada, Thailand, Europe and S-E Asia in the field of teaching and research.

8. EGS:Spreading Geography beyond the Department

Department has formed an academic body in the name of Eastern Geographical Society in the year 1971 under the society registration act. This society has played a lead role in publishing research studies in a research bulletin which were subsequently transformed to a lead national academic journal named "Eastern Geographer" for furthering the knowledge of Geography across the country.

9. Seminars and Workshops

As a leading centre of Geographic education in eastern India, the department has organised a number of international and national level seminars and workshops collaborating with national level Geographical associations like NAGI, ICG, EGS, IMD, Regional Science Associations of the country.

10. Research Projects

The department has contributed significantly to the field of Geography and the state as well in undertaking collaborative research with the central and state government agencies through its projects. Some of these projects completed in the Dept before 2000 are 'The study of Bhubaneswar city, Adivasi Atlas of Odisha, Study on Eastern Ghats, Geo=economic study on Lakhyadweep, Chilika Atlas. After 2000, there have been several research projects from DST, UNDP, OSDMA, UGC and ICSSR and collaborative projects with CANSA on climate resilience.

The Department of Geology was founded in 1954 in Ravenshaw College Campus. The Post Graduate course was opened in 1956, which is considered as the oldest of its kind in Utkal University. The Geology department functioned and spent its splendid days within the campus of the Ravenshaw College, Cuttack from 1954 to 1977. The Kalinga Foundation, the Odisha State Government and the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India generously contributed funds for construction of the massive building where the department enjoyed the campus ecstasy. The P.G. teaching section was shifted to Utkal University, Vani Vihar campus in 1977. The present two-storied building of the department with a plinth area of 850 m2 was constructed out of U.G.C grant and liberal financial contribution made by Odisha Mining Corporation and came into being in 1983.

The department offers the academic courses, which include a regular two years P.G. Degree in Geology since its inception, P.G. in applied Geology since 2012 and the one year M.Phil Degree since 1986. The student intake strength into M.Sc. is 28 and into M.Phil course is 10. The M.Sc. course comprises of very competitive applied geology syllabi with provisions of teaching four special papers such as Ore deposits, Remote Sensing, Sedimentology and Fuel Geology, and Hydrogeology. The employability track of the department has been remained very good since beginning. The department has produced good number of distinguished alumni, who have excelled in their respective fields. The success rate of our students in all India competitive civil service examination (IAS/IPS/IFS/OAS/OPSC) and Allied and professional examinations (GSI, ONGC, CGWB, CIL, NTPC, DG, OMC) has been encouraging and high respectively.

The department has sound infrastructure comprising 5 student labs, 5 Advance Research Labs including AAS Lab., Research Microscopic Lab., Remote Sensing Lab., Micropalaeontology lab and Hydrogeology Laboratory. There is one sophisticated geological museum renovated by M/S Tata Steel in 2014. M/S ESSEL mining has donated one rock garden, which has adding beautiful scenic gesture to the department and is used as the open sky laboratory for students. There are about 4100 text and reference books in Dept. Library and more than 400 books in the student's seminar library.

The Department functioned as DRS under SAP for 1994-99, 2007-12 and 2013-18. The Department has been covered under PURSE and FIST Schemes of DST from 2011-15 and 2013-18 respectively. The Department has successfully completed sixteen research projects sponsored by U.G.C., DST, Environment & Forest Ministry, Govt. of India & CSIR on aspects of Eastern Ghats, Geo-environmental issues, Banded Iron Formation of Odisha, Thermal springs of Odisha, Ultrabasics of Odisha. Mining impact on Woman health, Pyrophyllites, palaeo oceanography in eastern equatorial region, Geology and Geophysics of Coastal Gondwana Basin etc. Under various Ph.D. and research programmes the department has made significant contributions in the fields of Gondwana Geology (sedimentation and paleontology), Eastern Ghats Geology, Fe and Mn mineralization associated with BIFs, Chromites of Sukinda and Boula, Odisha, Remote Sensing aided geo-morphological evaluation of parts of Ganjam, Puri & Cuttack districts, Hard rock hydrogeology and hydrogeochemistry, Coastal hydrogeology and beach placer study of Odisha.

The Dept. is bringing out departmental research publications 'VISTAS IN GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH' continuously every year since 1995(v. 1 to v. 17). As many as 16 books and editorial volumes have been published by the teachers of the department. The department has celebrated in the most eventful Diamond Jubilee year of its existence with all honour and prestige in 2014. On this occasion an international seminar was organized and book entitled, "Recent Advances in Mineral Development and Environmental issues", comprising selected papers presented in the seminar was published by Capital Publishing Company, New Delhi.

The research or academic links with Glasgow University, UK, Osaka City University, Japan and Heidelberg University Germany on collaborative exchange programme and continuous collaborative research link established with, Delhi University, IIT Kanpur, ASI, GSI, CDA and IMMT, Bhubaneswar may be cited as our unique achievements. Former and present teachers of this dept. have visited countries like USA, Canada, UK, Germany, Netherland, Austria, Hungary, Japan, China, Russia, Thailand, Australia, France and Luxembourg as visiting professors and researchers.

The department of Geology has been emerged as the best of its kind in Odisha and also performs at par with other National level geological institutes. A sixty five years long glorious history of the Department will remain as great source of inspiration for the days to come in future.

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The P.G. Dept of History, one of the largest and oldest departments of Utkal University is a temple of learning for the historians of the state. It is the cradle land of many great historians, statesmen, diplomates, corporate officers, social activists, educationists etc. It's genesis goes back to a very remarkable day i.e 1st December 1959, which is marked in golden letters on the pages of Odishan history, as the department was founded by stalwart historian and statesman Manmath Nath Das in the holy premises of Vani Vihar. Previously it was situated at Ravenshaw College Campus since 1943.

Manmath Nath Das, the founding father of the department of history was born on 5th January 1924 in a small village, Sankhary in Balasore District. In 1946 he post graduated from Allahabad University in History. During his M.A. Study he composed a book titled "W esterners in the East', where he vehemently criticized the British rule in India. He awarded Ph.D. degree in History in School of Oriental and African Studies, London under the Supervision of C.H.Phillips. His topic of Ph.D thesis was Social and Economic Development of India during the Governor Generalship of Lord Dalhousie (1848-1856). He was a original researcher, who believed in authentic facts. He visited the fort of Dalhousie to collect first hand sources. He joined P. G. Department of History Utkal University and founded the department on 1st December 1959. In the same year he sailed to London to join Rockfeller Fellow in the School of Oriental and African Studies, London. Durin g this period he published a valuable book entitled The Political Philosophy of Jawaharlal Nehru" from London. He visited Tashkent to deliver lectures in some Universities of USSR. In 1969 he convened the first session of Odisha History Congress a big platform for the researchers of the state to presents their new findings. He also successfully organized 38th session of Indian History Congress in the Department. He visited USA on UGC programme of exchange of visiting Professor. He consulted Mountbetten papers and published a book titled "Partition and Independence, Inside Story of mountbatten Days".

As historian he can be compared with H.G. Welles and R.G.Callingwood. In his early phase he was teaching Odishan history and culture, which was his first choice. But, when he completed his Ph.D. he shifted his field to Modern Indian history. Because of his inspiration the Department focused more on modern historical researches. His approach towards history was always based on nationalist school. His remarkable contributions toward Indian historiography inspired the students, researchers and faculties of the department all time to come. He built up this department with a very strong foundation, which could never be dismantled. Because of his academic excellency M.N. Das became the Vice Chancellor of the premier institute of the state, the Utkal University in 1983. He served the Odia society as Rajyasabha Member (Parliamentrian) as a responsible citizen till his last breath..

This glorious department was destined to be served by many vateron historians of the state who added golden feathers in different phases of history through their significant reseaerch contributions. They were Prabhat Mukharjee, B C. Roy, K.S.Behera, K.M.Patra, N.R. Kabi, A.C.Pradhan, H.S,Patnaik, A.N. Parida, S.N, Chaudhury, P.K.Mishra, A.K.Patnaik, S. P. Pani, Aloka Lahari, Sanjaya Acharya, B.K.Mallik, A.K. Mishra, Jayanti Dora, S.R. Chand, A.K.Sahoo and R.C.Mahanta brought laurel to the department under their able guidance and dynamic leadership. Particularly K.S. Behera being a great historian of ancient Indian history and Art historian gave a new outlook to the Department. He became immortal through his monumental and historical work Konark. He founded a new department ie.' Ancient Indian History Culture and Archaeology to give focus on ancient history. He also became Vice Chancellor of Fakir Mohan University of Balasore.

From 2011 onwards remarkable changes were brought in the field of Syllabus structure and themes of the Ph.D. researches under the multidisciplinary approaches of the institute. New papers were introduced like Cultural Heritage of India, Cultural Heritage of Odisha,Environmental study, History of Science Technology, Historical Application of Tourism, Social Movements etc along with modern and medieval Indian history. The research scholars with great enthusiasms undertook their research works with multidisciplinary approaches. The award of more than one hundred fifty Doctoral Degrees with the research guidance of the facilities of the Department is certainly a noteworthy academic achievements. The Department has been publishing a research Journal entitled Utkal Historical Research Journal annually since 1990. It provides a spring board for the academic growth of the scholars and faculties.

This institution produced a galaxy of illustrious sons and daughters who are serving the state and nation in excellent manner in various fields such as Dr. Arun Kumar Sahoo Minister, Higher Education, Agriculture, Fisheries & Animal Resources Development, Government of Odisha, Amarprasad Satapathy MLA, Odisha Arjun Sethy, Ex-Union Minister, Arun Mishra, IAS Ashok Ku. Mohapatra, IAS Batakrushna Tripathy,IPS Bhramarabara Mallik ,IRS Bilava Das,

IAS Nijaya Ku. NandaIAS Bipin Ch. Das,Ex-MLA Odisha Chitaranjan Mohapatra,IDA Dinabandhu Sahu,IAS Dinanatha Pathi (Painter) Ex-Secretary,National Lalit Kala Academy Harihara Karan Ex-Minister, Odisha, Sri B.K.Das IAS, Panchanana Kanungo,Minister, OdishaSantosh Ku. Karmila,Indian Postal Service, Shyam Sunder Mishra,IRS, Subhakanta Behera,IFS, Sudhansu S. Mishra, IRTS, Sushilo Ch. Pradhan,IPS, Swaraj Mohanty, IRS, Prof. Amiya Kumar Pattanayak,Ex-Vice Chancellor, Utkal University of Culture, Prof.Ajay Kumar Patnaik School of International Studies,JNU, New Delhi, Dr. Tapan Kumar Chand,Chairman-cum-MD, NALCO, Shri B.P. Kanung,Deputy Governor, RBI, Shri Anant Narayan Nanda,Secretary, Department of Posts,Govt. of India

The Department is visited by many International scholars of high academic genius who were associated with the Department as Visiting Professors and Visiting Fellows namely A.L. Basham, then Head of the Department of Asian Civilization, Australian National University, Canberra, Herman Kulke, then at South Asian Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany etc, who devoted their time and energy for academic pursuit in the Department. There were intellectual discussion, deliberations and interactions among the scholars, students and faculties with them, which enriched the institution to a great extend. It is an Autonomous Department of Special Assistance (UGC-DSA) under the Utkal University. The output of research in the Department is both qualitative as well as quantitative.

The department has been inherited the legacies of the glorious past and continuously providing leadership in the sphere of research, teaching and transfer of knowledge in the state of Odisha. Particularly the department contributed substantially in the field of history, culture and heritage of Odisha. The students and Alumni of this department have cutting edge contributions in the field of research, teaching, Government Services and social works. Being a great centre of academic excellencies it always attract researchers and academician from the country as well as abroad. Thus the department of history has made praiseworthy contribution in the field of creating responsible citizen with humanistic approach and dissemination of Knowledge and carved a niche in the academic map of the world..

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In recent years, the meta-narrative of legal reforms in India has creatively appealed to the issues of social and distributive justice in the contexts of economic development and good governance. Despite the rights granted by the Constitution and special legislations, the reality is that there is widespread non-implementation of the legislations, structural inequalities, social intolerance and power imbalances within the society. Law is a means of bringing silent changes in substantive laws and procedures, which have relevance to the Fundamental Rights of the Citizens. "All law is not justice and all justice is not law". Justice is a combination of various factors; namely, Good Legislation and Effective Implementation. Law in action is more powerful than law in static. Therefore, to attain effective administration of justice it requires intellectual skilled individuals to operate the legal machineries of a democratic nation.

Utkal University, the oldest seat of higher education of the state of Odisha could contemplate the future of free India in 1943 and introduced legal education as the first teaching department of the university. However, the Post Graduate Department of Law was first established at the Madhu Sudan Law College, Cuttack in the year 1973 and was later shifted to the Utkal University Campus in 1975. Prof (Dr.) Sunil Kanti Ghose was the first Head of the Post Graduate Department of Law. This department is considered as P.G. Teaching Institution in legal studies in the State of Odisha and recognised all through the state. Currently the department is headed by Prof. M.S. Dash. Prof. K.D. Gour became the professor in the year 1975 along with Dr. Indira Panda, Dr. M.A. A. Baig, Dr. R.N. Pattnaik and Dr. D. C. Mohapatra as faculty members. During that time Dr. S.M. Pattnaik Joined as Research Assistant. In the year 1986, Dr. A.Praharaj, Dr. Kulamani Jena and Dr. P.C. Mishra joined as Reader of the Department. During the year 1989, Prof P.K. Sarkar joined as Reader and Prof. P.K. Pattnaik Joined as Reader in the year 2004. In the year 2010, Dr. M.S. Dash appointed as Reader of the Department. Dr. G.K. Sahu joined as Assistant Professor in 2014 and Dr. M.K. Sadual joined as Reader in the year 2015. Now the department is running with three faculty members.

Since inception, the department has made significant contributions in the field of legal education and research. Currently, the department offers Master of Laws (LL.M) in Business law, Constitutional law, Criminal law and Personal Law. In addition, Master of Laws in Human Rights was introduced during the academic session 2011-12 with special assistance from the UGC. But this course has been suspended due to some unavoidable circumstances from the academic session 2013-14.Further,to bring excellence in legal research and development, this department acts as the centre for research and offers Ph.D. Course work for the prospective legal researchers and scholars.

Vision- The department intends to create an academically sound environment that nurtures, motivates and inspires excellence in research and teaching in Legal Education along with promoting legal awareness among general citizen and have concerns for Human Rights' protection.

Mission- The mission starts primarily with imparting Higher Legal education in advanced areas of juridical sciences and to contribute new knowledge through research which encourages creativity, insight development and a passion for juridical science as well as to train students in the art of law and governance.

The teachers of the department have proven their excellence in the field of academic like publications in international and national journals with high impact factors, area of consultancy, Participation/chaired in National and International seminar/conferences as resource person, members of various committees of the Institutions under State Government and Universities(within and outside of the State

The alumni of the department have demonstrated their excellence by occupying several key positions especially in the field of Judiciary, state administration, legislature, law facuty and legal profession. The students after completion of studies in this department are not un-employed. Either they opt for service or legal profession. So, the placement of the students of this department is quite significant.

Best Practices- The department motivates students for pro bono opportunities. The department has been conducting various legal awareness programme.

Future Plan-The department is contemplating to expose students to various Exchange Programmes that are held in other Universities in India and abroad. Fund generation through Legal Alumni and through other exchange/extension programme is another future plan of this department. The Department is also contemplating setting up continuing legal education centre for Professionals, academicians and other individuals and organizations engaged in Research.



Established in 1969, the P.G. Department of Odia Language & Literature is one of premier Odia Language Department in state of Odisha. As a pioneered department to Odia Language & Literature, the department fulfills the higher education aspirations almost half of the century to Odia language speakers and its aspirants. At present, P.G. Department of Odia offers P.G, M.Phil., PhD, D.Litt programmes for Odia Language & Literatures and involved itself to many Interdisciplinary areas viz. Natural Language Processing (NLP), Linguistics, English, Sanskrit, Anthropology & philosophy.

From that work, the Department has developed a set of a state-of-art solution for education that will align and will drive us toward greater transparency, collaboration, and participation with our constituents and partners and within the organization itself. These goals are:

a: Increase the Department's transparency and accountability.

b: Solicit and incorporate more public input into Department operations.

c: Increase collaboration and communication with other organizations.

d: Create a culture of openness within the Department.

As stated in its vision and mission, the Department is committed to regional and national development in consonance with our culture, heritage, and environment. The Department regularly interacts with business, industry, government, and the civil society to realize its vision, mission and objectives.

The department has an aim to create a national & international stage for Odia classical language and to promote quality learning through well designed pedagogy (in both literature & language). The department has a noble vision t o create the best human beings to better manage the human resource and ethics through literature. The department has the values of high integrity and transparency to meet department's vision through continuous effort by the help of classical literary creations of Odia.

The department of Philosophy is one of the two oldest departments in Utkal University. The department came into being in 1957 to impart Post Graduate teaching in Indian and Western Philosophy, classical and modern and encourage advance research in both the areas. Since its inception, it has grown under the able stewardship of scholars like Prof. Ratnakar Pati and Prof. Ganeswar Misra. The department came to limelight for its pioneering studies and research in the field of Analytical Philosophy with special emphasis on the Philosophy of Wittgenstein, Russell, A.J. Ayer, Ryle, Austin and Wisdom. Subsequently special papers in philosophy of language, Advaita Vedanta, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Religion and Meta ethics were taught which afforded opportunity for scholars and teachers to make new inroads in these areas. It is also one of the lead departments in the country to have introduced Applied Philosophy and Practical Ethics in M.A. and M.Phil. respectively. The syllabus was revised as per the outlines of the U.G.C. which lent the opportunity to update the syllabus incorporating contemporary issues and debates in Philosophy. Needless to say that the department has scaled new heights under the academic leadership of Prof. Ganeswar Misra, Prof. G.C. Nayak, Prof. K.P. Mishra, Prof. P.K. Mahapatra, Prof. B. Kar, Prof. S.K. Mohanty, Prof. T. Maitra, Prof. G.P. Das and Prof. A.K. Mohanty. It is the only premier Post Graduate Department in the state which has provision of research leading to award of M.Phil., Ph.D. and D.Litt. degrees.

In recognition of the academic excellence of the department as the centre of teaching and research, it was accorded the status of Department of Special Assistance by the U.G.C. in December, 1988 with two thrust areas: (a) Analytical study in Indian Philosophical Problems and (b) Analytic study of Value. During the third phase of the programme, there was slight modification in the thrust areas with focus on (a) Philosophy of Value: Emerging perspectives and (b) Contemporary trends in philosophy. After successful completion of the first phase of the programme, the status was extended for the second phase in 1994 and for the third phase in 2001. The faculty who assume office in succession as coordinators of the SAP, are Prof. K.P. Mishra, Prof. P.K. Mahapatra, Prof. A.K. Mohanty, Prof. J. Jagdeb, Prof. T. Patnaik and Prof. A.K. Mohanty. Needless to say that, the tenure of the programme over the last three phases has turned out to be eventful and fruitful. The third phase of the SAP concluded on 31st march, 2006.

After three consecutive tenures of Special Assistance, the performance of the department was reviewed by UGC on 27th and 28th Dec 2006. The department was upgraded as centre of advanced study in Philosophy with effect from 1st April 2007. Two project fellows, data entry operator, library assistant, accountant joined the department under the auspices of CAS. The infrastructure of the department has been enriched by the funds available under the UGC grant for CAS . The computer lab, documentation centre with the local area network for the faculty have been existence to facilitates study and research. Dr. N. Malla, former professor, NEHU, Shillong, Prof. P.K. Mahapatra, former professor of Philosophy, Utkal University, Prof. G.P. Das, former professor of Philosophy, Utkal University, Prof. R.C. Pradhan, Professor of Philosophy, Central University, Hyderabad gave a series of lectures as visiting fellows in the department. The bi-annual journal "The Indian Journal of Analytical Philosophy" has been published from September 2007 onwards.

During these three phases, the department has taken a lead role in carrying out in-depth and extensive research in the field of Indian Philosophy, Philosophy of values as well as in the area of contemporary issues in Philosophy. Besides, the department had the privilege of hosting Annual Sessions of Indian Philosophical congress and Annual Sessions of All Orissa Philosophy Association. Several U.G.C. Sponsored Refresher Courses and Orientation Programmes have been conducted by this department.

The post graduate department of Physics of Utkal University started functioning in the year 1967 in a temporary accommodation. It shifted to its present building in 1970. During this fifty two years of its existence, it has made significant contributions to the quality of teaching and research in the state. The Department of Physics is now recognized by the UGC under its DRS and BSR programmes and by the DST under its FIST, PURSE and INSPIRE program.

The Department was established with a threefold mission. To make quality education accessible to students, strive to maintain high academic standard in teaching and research, reach out to the peripheral sectors and public at large in spreading the culture of scientific education and research. The department pioneered modern physics research in the state. The Institute of Physics was conceived from the core of the department. The department played a pivotal role in the establishment of Orissa Physical Society for modernizing Physics Education in the State. The only computer, an IBM 1130 gifted by the UGC in fact marked the beginning of the Computer age in the State. In fact for many years, this remained the only computer in the state which was used by most of the educational institutions as well as commercial and state organizations like OSEB, FCI, PPD, HSL, Paradeep Port, CRRI, CPBF, BSE etc. Subsequently the department initiated the PGDCA programme, which emerged as a full fledged department of Master in Computer Science and Applications with its own independent infrastructure. Reaching out to the peripheral sectors, our department was a nodal point for the NCERT 'CLASS' project for schools for about a decade. Faculty members (past and present) have been involved in writing a Large Number of School and Degree Level Text and Popular Science Books and have contributed their bit to the dissemination of Modern Physics through Seminars, Lectures, Articles, TV and Radio Programmes.

Initially, the department started with two lecturers and eight students. With time the faculties has been increased to the present strength six. Now, the Department offers Post Graduation, M. Phil. and Ph.D. courses in Physics. There are 32 + 32 seats in M.Sc. 1st year and 2nd Year; 10 seats in M.Phil. and the number of Ph.D. students varies from year to year with a maximum intake of 10 students. M.Sc. examinations are based on semester and Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) having mid and end semester examinations with 30% and 70% weightages respectively. M. Phil. and Ph.D. examinations are also based on semester system.

To cater to the needs of students, research scholars and teachers, the department has developed a library of its own, which has a moderately good collection of about 4000 texts and reference books and has a fair collection of journals. Other facilities includes, Linux Based Computer Laboratory, Smart classroom with ICT facility, sophisticated instruments for advanced research and teaching. The research activities in the department can broadly classified into two disciplines, theoretical physics and experimental physics. The main area of research in theoretical physics are particle physics, nuclear physics, condensed matter physics, astrophysics, cosmology etc. whereas the areas of research in experimental physics are nano magnetism, amorphous semiconductor, solid state electronics.

The department has "Vani Vihar Physics Alumni Association" and at present the number of alumni is around 1800. Our alumni have been associated with the best institutions of the world like CERN (Geneva), SLAC Stanford, Los Alamos National Lab, Princeton University, Cambridge University, Chicago University, University of Illinois, University of Texas, KEK japan and many other reputed institutions. Around 250 alumni members pursued research in the area of experimental physics and about 200 alumni members in the area of theoretical physics. Our alumni have worked with Nobel Laureates, they have been awarded with prestigious Bhatnagar award, Hottest Researcher of the world 2007, Third World Academy of Science (TWAS) award etc. Our alumni have entered all India Cadre services and many are occupying important executive grades in Reserve Bank and other Nationalized Banks, IBM etc.

The Post Graduate Department of Personnel Management and Industrial Relations has the advantage of being a part of the great academic institution, Utkal University, which is the premier and mother university of the state of Odisha. The Department works with the objective of providing training through a well developed curriculum to deal with the problems and challenges of managing and developing human resource in organizations. The Department endeavours to develop professional HR managers for the corporate sector and public system through its well designed two-year regular Management Program, Master in Personnel Management & Industrial Relations (MPMIR). Our students are our strength and alumni are our guiding light. The department proves its worth through the excellence achieved by its products.

The department was established in 1970 as Sociology and Labour Welfare under the leadership of Late Professor Bidyadhar Mishra, renowned economist and former Vice Chancellor, Utkal University. It became a separate entity as P. G. Department of Labour Welfare in 1974-75 and created a space in the study of industrial relations and labour laws, under the leadership of Late Prof. Abhay Kumar. The journey continued with change of nomenclature of Degree and the name of the Department. As per need of time and with advice from industries – It became; Personnel Management and Labour Welfare in 1982-83 and Personnel Management and Industrial Relations (PM&IR) in 1997-98. PM&IR ,Utkal - a popular brand name now offers ; Masters, M. Phil. and Ph. D. Courses in PM&IR aiming to equip its students for application and dissemination of knowledge in the field of research, teaching and training covering the entire business gamut.

The department has maintained its rich legacy by adopting innovative learning process and encouraging its students to initiate and drive various activities that hones their creativity, leadership and develops them as socially sensitive and ethical HR professionals. The department maintains its uniqueness by redesigning its course curriculum prioritizing the suggestions given by the Advisory Council in every three years. This leaves no stone turned to maintain and promote professional excellence.

The Department is a member of the Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia (AMDISA), Indian Industrial Relations Association (IIRA), National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM), Indian society of Labour Economics (ISLE), Social Security Association of India(SSAI) and National HRD Network (NHRDN). The Board of Studies and Subject Research Committee, the two highest academic bodies in PM&IR, have members from allied disciplines , people from the department of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India and eminent personalities from different industries. The department closely interacts with industrial houses through regular class room seminars as well as State and National Level Workshops/Seminars, MDPs, Consultancy, Summer Placement Programme, Project Work Assignments, Guest faculty system and being member of Professional bodies.

With the increasing demand for HR professionals, the department administers a realistic course curriculum with regular modifications by experts. The two-year post graduate programme on Personnel Management & Industrial Relations covers a detail curriculum in 4 semesters with 32 papers. To facilitate integrated learning in the department, different methods are followed to make it highly participative. The pedagogy includes lecture and discussions, case methods, seminars, self learning, industrial visits and individual/group presentations. Emphasis is laid on imparting leadership and interpersonal skill to the students. The department promotes HRD through participation and exposure. Besides the Parija Library which is the Central Library of the University, the Department has its own library with more than 3000 reference and text books for the use of faculty members and students. The Department also subscribes newspapers, periodicals and journals of national and international repute for the use of students and teachers. Classroom Seminars on various topics are held once in a week, mostly on each Saturday. Both students and faculty members participate in the seminar activities. Besides, experts are also invited from reputed institutes/universities/industrial houses to address the students under 'Corporate Talk'. Regular industrial tours are conducted in order to expose students to industrial

arena and to earn firsthand knowledge in HR/IR practices by interacting with the corporate executives. Students' success in UGC-NET & JRFs is spectacular.

Each year the Department organizes National/ International Seminars on different topics of HR, IR.This is actively participated by academicians, executives and students from various parts of the country. From 2010, the department organizes Professor Abhay Kumar Memorial Lecture in the memory of Prof. Abhay Kumar the architect of the Department. Eight Lectures organized, so far, were delivered by eminent personalitities of national and international repute. On the occasion, each year the Department felicitates the achiever alumni and offers Prof Abhay Kumar Memorial Gold Medal to the first-class-first student of MPMIR. Research has always been given top priority in the Department to improve teaching and to enhance knowledge. Research is undertaken in different areas of Management, viz, Behavioural Science, Human Resource Management, Industrial Relations, Labour Laws, Social Security and study in Unorganized Sector. The department is having two Centers of Excellence, Center for Human Capital Development (under World Bank) and Center for Unorganized Labour (under RUSA).

Our alumni are our brand- ambassadors. The Alumni Association serves as a link between the department and its alumni. It has established close contact and interaction with the alumni of the department and facilitated exchange of ideas and experience to promote professionalism among students. We capitalize on our alumni and consider them as our assets. Department exists through its students/alumni in Central & State PSUs, Leading private corporate of the country, Central and State government (Dept. of Labour and Employment), Institutes of national repute and Universities. Department's visible presence throughout the country reflects its professional journey towards excellence.

The Post Graduate Department of Political Science was established in 1958 in the Ravenshaw College, Cuttack and was shifted to its present campus in 1962. At present the Department of Political Science has 64 seats in M.A and 10 seats in M. Phil. It also offers Ph.D degree. D.Lit. degree is offered as part time. In 1996, the Department of Public Administration was carved out of the Department of Political Science having strength of 32. In the Department, M.A. in Women Studies, P.G. Diploma in Chinese Studies and Development Journalism and Electronic Communication were instituted, subsequently Departments of Women Studies and Development Journalism and Electronic Communication, have become independent departments after due recognition by the U.G.C.

It is noteworthy to mention that the Department was inducted into the UGC-SAP (DRS-I) in the 2004-05 and successfully completed it in the year 2008-09. After a review of DRS-I, UGC approved the DRS-II from 2011-12 to 2015-16. This is the first and the only Political Science Department in the state to get inducted into UGC- DRS-II.

Dr. K.V Rao was the first head of the Department and was succeeded by Prof. Shreeram Chandra Dash in 1963. The Department in particular owes a deep sense of gratitude to late lamented Prof. Shreeram Chandra Dash, a legendary figure and doyen in the field of Political Science. The Department has instituted the Shreeram Chandra Dash Memorial Foundation in whose name it conducts the Annual Memorial lecture programme since 1995.

Besides, late Dr. Manindra Kumar Mohapatra, Professor of Political Science and Director, Center for Governmental Services, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, United States of America has instituted two endowments i.e. Urmila Foundation for American Studies and Urmila Foundation for Orissa Policy Studies in the Department. Under this, two seminars are conducted annually both at International and National levels on different themes since 2000.

The vision of the department

To promote the Department into a Centre for Advanced Studies(CAS), focusing on teaching, research and extension activities.

The Department has the following teachers:

1. Prof. Brahmananda Satapathy, Professor (Retd.) 30th April 2019
2. Dr. Smita Nayak, Reader & Head
3. Dr. Seema Mallik, Asst Professor
4. Dr. Swapna S. Prabhu, Asst Professor
5. Narasaiah Ruvaru, Guest Faculty (Joined in August, 2019)

Ministerial Staff:

1. Ms. Arati Pradhan, Junior Typist
2. Sri Ananta Kumar Nayak, Class-IV
3. Sri Nanda Kumar Naik, Class-IV

Thrust areas of Research

International Politics, Gender and Development, Public Policy Studies/ Social Capital, Indian Government and Politics, Political Sociology, Comparative Politics, Local and Urban Governance and India and its Neighbours.

Ongoing Projects/Research

- Dr. Smita Nayak, Reader & Head : Completed and Submitted ICSSR Major Research Project (MRP) in Oct, 2018

- Dr. Seema Mallik – Continuing with ICSSR Major Research Project (MRP) 2016-18 titled 'Land Alienation and Threats to Livelihoods: Understanding Rural Poverty in India'.
- Dr. Swapna S. Prabhu- Presently working on an Utkal University Seed Grant Research Project titled "The Politics of Child Care: A Critical Study of 'Access to Child Care' as a Public Policy in Odisha" (2017-2019).

Departmental Activities:

The Department regularly organizes two National Seminars, invited lecturers by renowned personalities, Field-Study Tours every year. In addition, two seminars both at International and National level are conducted under the Urmila Foundations on different themes since 2000. The Shreeram Chandra Dash Annual Memorial lecture programme is held every year since 1995 and on the same day annual alumni meet is also held in the Department.

Teachers:

Prof. Brahmananda Satapathy (Retd.) is Head, Department of Political Science. He joined the Department as a Reader in 1992 and became Professor in 1999. Porf. Stapathy superannuated on 30th April, 2019. He has published several research papers in journals of repute. He guided 12 PhD scholars and 32 M.Phil scholars and has delivered several popular Lectures in UGC sponsored National Seminars, Refresher Courses, and government sponsored programmes as a resource person. He is engaged as a Subject Expert in both the UGC and UPSC and has acted as Member of Selection Committee as Subject Expert to Banaras Hindu University, Mizoram University; Bardhwan University; Choudhury Charan Singh University. He is also the Member, Academic Council, Gokhale Institute for Economics and Politics, Ph.D Examiner for JNU, New Delhi, Osmania University, Hyderabad, Ranchi University, Gokhale Institute for Economics and Politics.

He was Coordinator, UGC-DRS (SAP-II) programme of the P.G. Department of Political Science. During his tenure he held various important positions such as Warden, P.G. Hostels, and Chairperson, P.G. Council, Utkal University.

Dr. Smita Nayak joined as Lecturer in 1992 and became Reader in 2004. Dr. Nayak has been heading the department since 2017. She has published 04 (Four) books, and articles in many International and National Journals of repute. She has produced 06 (Six) Ph.D and more than 40 M. Phil scholars. She is the Coordinator (I/C), UGC, DRS-II. She has coordinated several National Level Seminars, severed as Member, Selection Committee Central University of Odisha, Koraput, Indian Bank, and UCO Bank. She has received ICSSR Major Research Project for the period 2014-2016. She was Programme Director of ICSSR Sponsored Ten Days Research Methodology Training Programme in 2013. She is the honorary member to many Government Projects and has participated in several International Conferences abroad.

Dr.Seema Mallik joined as Asst. Professor in 2010. She has guided 02 PhD scholars and 20 M.Phil scholars. She has coordinated two National Level Seminars, in the Department. She was the recipient of Charles Wallace Research Grant to UK in 2012 and ICSSR-NWO (The Netherlands) Visiting Fellow to the Amsterdam Institute of Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam 2014. She received UGC Major Research Project for 2013-15. She also received ICSSR Project for the period 2016-18. She has published one book and several research articles in journals of repute.

Dr. Swapna S Prabhu joined as a Asst. Professor in April, 2016. She has successfully guided ten M.Phil. Scholars and currently has 1 M.Phil and 4 Ph.D. scholars registered and working under her supervision. She has published one book and several articles in journals repute besides active participation and paper presentation in several national and international seminars/conferences on topics of contemporary relevance. She is also engaged in various extension activities of the University at present in different capacities.

The Department of Psychology at Utkal University has blossomed into a happening teaching-learning space in Odisha, and has continued its efforts towards greater academic excellence. The department has enjoyed the Centre of Advanced Study status for long 29 years from 1980 to 2009. With past glorious years as inspiration, and commitment to the discipline of Psychology as aspiration, the Department has been able to make its presence felt in every field of human endeavor where mental health is in question. The focus has not been limited to alleviating pain and suffering but has extended to optimizing of human strengths and resources for a fulfilling and meaningful life.

Vision

To be among premier Centres of Advanced Study in Psychology through commitment and innovations in teaching, research, and community services.

Mission

To promote sensitivity, creativity and a spirit of scientific inquiry among students by stimulating deep insights into the discipline for fostering well-being at the individual level, and collective welfare in the society at large.

Objectives: The major objectives of the Department are A. Providing Quality Teaching B. Research (Theoretical/Applied/Interdisciplinary) C. Democratic governance (Department Teacher Council takes major decisions pertaining to the functioning of the department) D. Networking and collaboration (collaboration with foreign universities, Industry and NGOs) E. Extension activities

The Genealogy

The Department of Psychology was established in 1953 at the Ravenshaw College, Cuttack as an Undergraduate Department by Prof. Radhanath. Rath. It was upgraded in 1958 to a Post-Graduate Teaching and Research Department, and moved to the Utkal University Campus at Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar in 1962. Several notable events and achievements characterized the golden period that followed after the inception of this Department.

The Annual Function of Indian Science Congress was organized by the Department twice in 1962 and 1977 with Prof Radhanath Rath as the Local Organising Secretary. The then Prime Ministers of India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mrs Indira Gandhi graced the occasion. The 12th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Applied Psychology was organized in 1974. The Department has organized Annual Conventions of National Academy of Psychology (NAOP) a number of times (thrice) The 5th International Conference of Cross Cultural Psychology was organized in 198.

In the year 1972, the U.G.C., in recognition of the research contributions on the educational problems of the socially disadvantaged, particularly, the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribe children, granted Special Assistance to the Department to develop an Educational Psychology Wing with a sanction of posts of one Professor, two Lecturers and two Research Assistants along with grants for books and journals, equipments, and building. In 1976, the U.G.C. appointed a special visiting team of experts to assess the achievements of the Department for its possible participation under the Special Assistance Programme (SAP). The committee unequivocally complemented the functioning and the academic contributions of the department and based on this recommendations the department was recognized as a U.G.C. Department of Special Assistance (DSA) in 1976-77

Centre of Advanced Study in Psychology (CASP)

The status of the department was upgraded in 1980 and it was declared as a Centre of Advanced Study in Psychology (CASP), the first such centre in Psychology in the country, and the only such centre in Orissa. The M.Phil.Programme was introduced in 1979 and the intake of students was 16 from 1980.The Centre entered from time to time into International Collaborations with the reputed centres abroad. In 1976 the UGC selected the department for collaboration with the School of Education, Birmingham University, England (under the Indo-British Universities Collaboration Programme up to 1982).The other international collaborations include the ones with the University of

Alberta, and the Queen's University, Canada. A number of scholars from various University of the World have paid long-term visits to the Centre under Fulbright and other international exchange programmes.

The prominent Visiting Professors to the Centre were Prof. E.A.Peel, University of Birmingham, Prof. Klaus Weddell, Institute of Education, London, Prof. Peter Evens, Prof. David Bane, Prof. Paul Rozin, Prof. J.G.Adair, Dr. S.Haidt, Prof. David Baine, Prof. Paul Rozin, Prof. J.G.Adair, Dr. S. Haidt, Prof. Richard Scheder, Prof. Y.H.Poortinga, Prof. E.Ekstrand, Prof. J.P.Das, Prof. R.N.Kanungo, Prof. S.Mishra, Prof. P.G.Patel. Prof. Robertson, Prof. Jayachandran, Prof. E.S.K.Ghosh, Prof.E.Kneel and Prof.Kolemar from Canada and other countries.

Thrust Areas of Research

Almost all of the faculty members of the Centre of Advanced Study had their PhD degree from abroad. The research activities and teaching programmes can be categorized under four general broad areas such as (1) Cognitive, Educational and Developmental Psychology (2) Clinical and Counseling Psychology (3) Social, Personality and Organizational Psychology and (4) Biosocial or Comparative and Physiological Psychology.

To cope with the challenges of mental health in a changing environment, intervention research is being carried out in Clinical and Counseling Psychology as well as Human Resource Development with a focus on early childhood and developmental disability.

Laboratories, Centres and Institutional Practices

The DARCEE (Demonstration and Research Centre for Early Education)

The 'Demonstration and Research Centre for Early Education' (DARCEE) of the Centre of Advanced Study in Psychology (CASP) was inaugurated by the then Governor of Orissa and Chancellor of Utkal University, Hon. Sri S.N. Reddy. This Model Preschool was started in August, 1980 to serve as an action- research oriented experimental laboratory-cum-demonstration centre in early childhood development and education for the M.A., M.Phil and Ph.D. students,

Remedial School

In 1983-84, the CASP submitted a plan to the U.G.C. to start the Remedial School as an innovative experimental unit with a view to develop collaboration with other similar foreign institutions. The U.G.C sanctioned the Remedial school, with three permanent posts of teachers and funds for construction of school building, the University recognised the Remedial school in 1985, and subsequently it received concurrence of the Government in 1986.The preschool has been named after the founding father of the Department in July 2018 and DARCEE is now known as Radhanath Rath Centre of Early Childhood Education

Diploma in Early Childhood Education (DECE)

Since 1996 the CASP had been running an one-year Diploma in Early Childhood Education (DECE) with the approval of the University. The main objective is to train fresh graduates, specifically of the Psychology/ Education/ Home science subjects as well as teachers of Nursery/ Kindergarten/ Pre-school/ Primary schools, ICDS (Anganwadi) workers, Social workers working with NGO's and parents who intend to learn about home-based edu-care for preschool children. This programme discontinued due to shortage of manpower from 2008 and is being revived as a part of the program of Centre of Excellence in Early Childhood Development.

Psychological and Educational Counseling Centre for Children

The Psychological and Educational Counseling Centre for Children (PECCC) was inaugurated by Prof. Satish Chandra, the then Chairman of U.G.C. in April 1979, the International Year of the Child. The PECCC provides psychological, educational, curricular, testing, and counselling services to children, parents, teachers, researchers, and institutions; individually as well as in small groups.

The Department of Public Administration, Utkal University saw the light of the day in 1996 by a resolution of the Syndicate of the University. The decision of the University was quite timely and in response to complex developments in Public Administration and the demand for Applied research in public policy and governance. In fact, the decision was based on the recommendation of the UGC team which visited the University in 1990. The Department was carved out from the Department of Political Science as a separate Department with three Faculties of Political Science who had specialization in Public Administration. The founder members were Prof. Balakrishna Pattanaik, Dr. Niranjan Pani and Dr. Bijoyini Mahanty. Prof. Patnaik was the Founder Head of the Department.

The Department is the first of its kind in the State. It focuses on imparting teaching on various dimensions on Public Administration, changing paradigm shifts in administration and exogenous challenges to it. Since its inception, the Department has been offering Post Graduate Programme in Public Administration with a student strength of 32. In 2000, the Department had introduced M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes . At present, the department has 3 regular faculty members with a guest faculty. 75 students are currently registered under different programmes offered by the department.

The department has sustained its multi-disciplinary character by diversifying itself in 2007 by opening a Masters Programme in Development Journalism and Electronic Communication with UGC support under UGC Innovative Programme. Since 2012 it is running as a self-financing course. In 2017 the Academic Council of the University changed its nomenclature to Journalism and Mass Communication to bring uniformity at the national level. Since 2012, the Department has been offering a Ph.D programme in Journalism and Mass Communication. The Head of the Department of Public Administration is the Coordinator for the Self-Financing Course.

The vision of the Department:

The Mission of the Department is to impart specialized knowledge in the field of administration keeping in view the increasing complexities of socio-economic development in the world. Therefore, we take students from all disciplines Arts, Science and Commerce.

Placement:

Mostly our students have entered into the department with a dream to join government jobs. They are also successful in their endeavors. Many of them have been placed in government jobs in such as Odisha Administrative Service and other services in different departments of the Government of Odisha and Government of India. Some students preferred a career in academics by joining as Assistant Professors in Political Science and Public Administration in different colleges of Odisha. Many of the students from Journalism and Mass Communication have entered the media sector. One of our first-batch students, Dr. Bibhudutta Mohapatra has joined as Vice-President of Aditya Birla Group.

Teaching & Research:

The students are imparted teaching by using digital projectors. The research thrust of the Department is Disaster Management, Gender Studies, and Development administration. The Department has completed two major research Projects on Urban Governance sponsored by UGC and Maternity Benefits to women in Organized Sector, sponsored by National Commission for Women, New Delhi. Our faculties are engaged in consultancy with Global Alliance against Trafficking on Women, Bangkok; National Alliance for Women and Sansristi. Another continuing research project is on Heritage and Disaster Management, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research(ICSSR). Our faculty, Professor Swarnamayee Tripathy is an expert in the Project Evaluation Committee of ICSSR, New Delhi.

Many students have joined research programmes in various universities in India, notably Jawaharlal Nehru University and the University of Hyderabad. The doctoral fellows of the Department have received Fellowships from ICSSR and UGC. We have nine UGC Fellows and two ICSSR fellows.

The Department has produced 45 Ph.D. scholars, 3 D.Litt. and 120 M.Phil. graduates. Our students have been actively engaged in co-curricular activities like essay, debate and quiz competitions within and outside the university. They have also participated in national and international games. One of our students, Ms. Valena Valentina had participated in the 2010 Asian Games in Karate.

Our faculty members have earned laurels in the national and international sphere. Prof. B.K. Patnaik and Prof. Niranjan Pani had served as experts and examiners in UGC and UPSC. Prof. Bijoyini Mohanty was a UGC core team member. She had presented papers and chaired sessions in IPSA and ASPA. Prof. Swarnamayee Tripathy had presented a paper in the International Political Science Association held at Brisbane, Australia.

Dissemination of Knowledge:

The Department has been persistently striving to disseminate knowledge to a wider audience. For the purpose, National Workshops and international Seminars are organized every year in the Department. Recently, in the month of September a two-day International Seminar on the theme "Disaster Risk Reduction and Community Resilience was organized: Developing Innovative Policy Options" was organized in collaboration with Odisha State Disaster Management Authority. Prof. Annapurna Pandey and Prof. Triloki Nath Pandey of California University had participated in the Seminar. In the month of November, on the occasion of National Press Day, a one-day National Workshop was organized on the theme "Media and Social Responsibility". Sociologist Prof. Binay Pattanaik of IIT, Kanpur gave the keynote address on the occasion.

On a regular basis, distinguished lectures are organized to enrich the knowledge base of the students. Recently Prof. Satya Narayan Mishra, Economist delivered a Lecture on 'Eradication of Poverty: the vision of the Noble Laureates'". The main aim was to make the students aware of the ideas of research on delivering public services.

Beyond the classroom:

Students are engaged in Swatch Bharat Abhiyan on a regular basis. Students also participate in youth camps organized by Vivekananda Kendra. Students are also engaged in sensitizing the nearby slum-dwellers on the Right to information and Odisha Right to Public Service Act. The faculty of the Department assisted State Information Commission to prepare the FAQ on RTI.

The Department intends to strive for new heights in the near future.

Our department has a well-maintained library with more than 1000 books and journals. The department publishes an annual journal titled 'Public Administration Review'. It also releases a quarterly newsletter titled 'Vani Prajna' highlighting the events and programmes in the University.

The Post-Graduate Department of Sanskrit started in the year 1957 with an objective of imparting quality education in the field of Sanskrit and is one of the oldest Departments of the University. It has already celebrated its golden Jubilee Anniversary in the year 2006-2007. At present the Department of Sanskrit offers M.A, M. Phil, Ph.D and D.Litt. Programmes. The Department has regularly updated its syllabus to meet the challenges of changing times. In the year 2000 semester system and in 2013 Choice Based Credit System was introduced for the same. P. G. Diploma in Yoga Therapy (PGDYT) as UGC innovative programme and Master degree in Human Consciousness and Yogic Science (MDHCYS) as self- financing course were introduced since 1998 & 2006 respectively.

Late Prof. Prahlad Pradhan, a renowned grammarian and a prominent scholar in Pali and Chinese Language was the first Professor and Head of the Department who has contributed a lot to the above fields & first adorned the chair of Vice-Chancellor of Shri Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri. Successively, Six Professors of the Department have become Vice-Chancellors of Different Universities of Odisha. Many Faculty members have received the prestigious President's award & Shastrachudamani Sammana in appreciation of their dedicated service for the cause of Sanskrit learning and research.

Taking the challenges of modern society, the Department has produced many Scholars holding significant positions in different institutions in India & abroad.

VISION

- To mould a new generation of citizens with confidence, self dependence, self- realization, rational thinking, professionalism, thirst for knowledge and contentment.
- To bring out the wealth of knowledge in Sanskrit through publication of rare and unpublished manuscripts through interdisciplinary research.

MISSION

- To create an atmosphere conducive for imparting Vedic knowledge and Indian Heritage.
- To collaborate with other institutions of similar objectives.
- To make a Centre of Excellence in Sanskrit Studies.

Faculty of this Department who have become Vice-Chancellors:

Shri Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri

— Late Prof Prahlad Pradhan

— Late Prof. Krusna Chandra Acharya

— Prof. Alekh Chandra Sarangi

— Prof. Gopinath Nath Mahapatra

— Prof.Radha Madhab Dash

North- Odisha University, Baripada

— Prof. Prafulla Kumar Mishra

Chancellor

— Prof. Prafulla.Kumar.Mishra – Dr. Rajendra Prasad Agricultural University, Bihar

President Awardees

Shastrachudamani Sammana

— Late Prof. Prahlad Pradhan — Late Prof. Anam Charan Swain
— Late Prof. Anam Charan Swain — Prof. Sadashiva Praharaj
— Late Prof. Krushna Chandra Acharya — Prof. Alekh.Chandra. Sarang
— Prof. Sadashiva Praharaj — Prof. Siddheswar Jena
— Prof. Alekh Chandra Sarangi — Prof. Raghunath Panda
Dr. Dina Bandhu Tripathy

Faculty Members who have served as Head of the Department

- Prof. Prahlad Pradhan 03.09.1958-31.08.1970
- Prof. Anam Charan Swain 01.09.1970-31.01.1985
- Orof. Krushna Chandra Acharya 01.02.1985-31.05.1990
- Prof. Upendra Nath Dhal 01.06.1990-31.01.1991
- Dr. Prafulla Kumar Mishra 01.02.1991-31.05.1992
- Dr. Gopal Krishna Dash 01.06.1992-31.05.1994
- Dr. Alekh Chandra Sarangi 01.06.1994-31.05.1996
- Dr. Raghunath Panda 01.06.1996-31.05.1998
- Dr. Radhamadhab Dash 01.06.1998-31.05.2000
- Dr. Prativa Manjari Rath 01.06.2000-31.05.2002
- Prof. Gopinath Mahapatra 01.06.2002-31.12.2003
- Prof. Prafulla Kumar Mishra 01.01.2004-31.11.2006
- Prof. Alekh Chandra Sarangi 01.12.2006-31.03.2009
- Prof. Prafulla Kumar Mishra 01.04.2009-02.11.2009
- Prof. Gopal Krishna Dash 03.11.2009-31.05.2011
- Prof. Radhamadhab Dash 01.06.2011-31.05.2013
- Prof. Prativa Manjari Rath 01.06.2013-31.05.2015
- Dr. Subash Chandra Dash 01.06.2015-31.05.2017
- Dr. Braja Sundar Mishra 01.06.2017-31.05.2019
- Dr. Manoranjan Senapaty 01.06.2019 – Cont.

Sociology was introduced as the constituent paper in the Department of Economics in Utkal University in 1958. During these initial years the paper was patronized by the Ford Foundation, USA. The major focus of attention during the period was to study the Rural Society, its structure, functions, issues and interventions which was also dominating the landscape of sociological studies in the United States in the Post great depression period. The Ford Foundation supported the study of rural society with a view to undertake parallel studies in a developing nation like India and to gain insight to frame development designs for rural India.

In 1970s the Department was separated from the Department of Economics and became a separate department being merged with the Labour Welfare with the nomenclature as Sociology and Labour Welfare. In 1974, the Department was instituted as an independent department to cater Master Degree Programme to the student in Sociology. This became the first independent P.G.Teaching Department in the state. During these years the department started adhering to the national curriculum that was in vogue in all the national level Universities of the country. The department started growing with enlightened faculty like Professor R.N.Srivastava, Prof. Girish Ch. Roy, Prof. Rita Ray, Prof. Bimlesh Pathak and Professor Anup kumar Dash. These host of scholars tried to ensure an able stewardship for the students and tried their best for the disciplinary expansion of the subject through the length and breadth of the state.

During the 1980s the department witnessed a structural growth in terms of manpower and student intake. Prof. D.N.Jena and Prof. Sukadev Naik joined the Department and the department started hosting some new papers like Advanced Sociological Theory, Industrial Sociology, Political Sociology, Sociology of Development and Modernization. In 1988, the department introduced M.Phil course in the subject.

The early 1990s noted a drastic shift in the curriculum and the thrust areas of the Department following the unset of the process of globalization and the neo-liberal ideology. During these periods the papers like Gender Studies, Voluntary Sector studies were introduced in the curriculum. At this point of time the department became a nodal research centre recognized by the Govt. of Odisha, ICSSR, UGC and various development organizations for making baseline service, social impact assessment of various policies and projects. This decade initiated the rigorous field based research in the department both for the faculty as well as the students. To meet with the emerging work load there was faculty intake in the department. Four faculty members Prof. B.K.Behera, Prof. M.G.Bage, Prof. Rabindra Garada and Prof. B.G.Baboo were the new entrance to the department.

The beginning of the new millennium brought new opportunities and responsibilities for the department. During this period, the department tried to expand its base and included new papers like Sociology of Globalization, Sociology of Environment and Climate change, Development and induced displacement, Sociology of Tribes, Applied Research Methodology. The Department took the initiative to introduce the P.G.Diploma in Rural Development which was upgraded to Master Programme in Rural Development in 2005.The department added a feather to the cap around 2008 when it entered into a foreign Exchange Programme from Germany. In the early 2010 Ph. D. course work was introduced in the department which magnate scholars from administration to development sectors, from academic to research to undertake research in the department. The research eco system started getting strengthened during this period. Right from 2010 three more faculty intake. Prof. Navaneeta Rath, Dr. Tanaya Mohanty and Ms. Sasmita Soren joined the department. After 2010, the department introduced CBCS at the Masters level and architected the CBCS syllabi for the undergraduate colleges of the state for the subject. The department launched a new trend of class community linkage, Industrial CSR linkage and NGO linkage to provide a wider exposure to the students. Now the department has been earmarked as a resource centre and research centre in various fields like social impact assessment, conducting baseline surveys, providing policy insights to the government.

Thus, the department of Sociology over a period of six decades is in tryst to attain academic and research maturity. It aims at satiating the disciplinary growth and to ensure justice to the students and the society as well.

The concept of Statistics is as old as the human civilisation on this earth.But,the rapid expansion of the Statistics as a subject took place across the globe since early nineteenth century. In Odisha, the foundation of Statistics education was laid with the opening of one year Diploma course in Statistics in the Department of Rural Economics and Sociology of the Utkal University, headed by Professor Bidyadhar Mishra, under the auspices of Ford Foundation Grant, USA in 1956 and the establishment of Post Graduate Department of Statistics under UtkalUniversityin 1958. Along with the Platinum Jubilee of the University, the Dept. of Statistics has completed 60 glorious years of its existence.

The Department came into beingwith the untiring efforts of late Professor BamaCharan Das, a distinguished mathematician and educational administrator under the active support of the then Vice- Chancellor of Utkal University Padma Bhusan Professor PranaKrushnaParija, a towering scientist and brilliant academician. The first curriculum was designed by ProfessorP.K.Bose of Calcutta University, Professor J. Medhi of Gauhati University, Professor K. Nagabhushanam of Andhra University and Prof. D N Lal of Patna University.

The founding faculty members were

1. Professor Sadhu Charan Das, Reader
2. Shri ParthaSarathiMohapatra, Lecturer
3. Shri Antaryamimishra, Lecturer
4. Shri P.S. Harnath, Demonstrator

Trained at the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta followedby Master degree in Statistics from Australian National University, Canberra, late Professor Sadhu Charan Das, a noted mathematician, headed the Department and imparted teaching in two fundamental areas of Statistics such as Mathematical Statistics and Probability Theory until his premature death in 1978.

Professor JitendriyaSarangi, a brilliant scholar and a topper of the first batch of Master's degree holders, was appointed as Lecturer in Statistics in 1960. A Ph.D. from University of Alberta, Canada, Prof. Sarangi, a Commonwealth Scholar, took the Department to a new height in terms of teaching and research. His areas of interests included Statistical Decision Theory and Plant Genetics. During the interim period from 1976 to 1979, he joined (on lien) the P G Department of Statistics in Sambalpur University as its first Professor and Head.Prof. Sarangi visited theUniversity of Cambridge and University of London as young scientist in the Govt. of India Exchange Program. He wasHonorary Director the Population Research Centre of the UtkalUniversity and was elected as Vice President of Calcutta Statistical Association.He was also a distinguished member of the prestigious Textiles Committee, Govt. of India.

Late Professor I.S.Rao, a teacher par excellence,was specialised in Survey Sampling and contributed significantly to the growth of the Department from 1962 till 1998. He was a pious person and was elected as President of SriSathya Sai Seva Organisation for a period.

Things took a different turn when Professor A.K.P.C. Swain, a topper of his batch for the Master's degree of the Utkal University, joined the Department in the year 1977 as Reader in Statistics , after accomplishing higher studies at the Indian Agricultural Statistics Research institute(IASRI), New Delhi, London School of Economics and Political science, University of London as Commonwealth Scholar and visiting assignments at University of Liverpool , England under Young Scientists' Exchange Program and Colegio de Postgraduados, Chapingo, Mexico,Reader in Statistics. Prior to thisappointment, he served the Department as Lecturer for a brief span from 1963 to 1964 and as Lecturer in P G Department of Analytical and Applied Economics, Utkal University from 1970-1977. Prof. Swain put a major thrust in Applied Statistics with special reference to Finite Population Sampling theory. He along with his proud research scholars Professor LokanathSahoo, Professor Gopabandhu Mishra and Dr.Bijay Kumar Pradhan, enriched the sampling theory researches in the Department.

Professor LokanathSahoo joined the Department in 1987 as Reader in Statistics after serving the Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT) as Lecturer in Statistics from 1981 to 1987.Besides his parent area of research, i.e., Survey Sampling Methods,he opened up avenues of researches in Econometrics and Stochastic Modelling with significant contribution to knowledge.An outstanding teacher and researcher,Prof.Sahoohad alarge number ofexcellent research papers in sampling theory and allied areaspublished in National and International journals of repute.

Dr. Bijay Kumar Pradhan, joined the Department first as Research Assistantand thenwas elevated to the posts of Lecturer and Reader in Statistics.During his association with department from 1974-2010,Dr. Pradhan was a serious teacher, known for his punctuality. His research interests were Stochastic Processesand Survey Sampling.

Professor Gopabandhu Mishra joined the Department as Lecturer in Statistics in the year 1990 and subsequently promoted to the posts of Reader and Professor of Statistics. Earlier, he had served OUAT and Berhampur University as Lecturer from 1978 to 1990. His interests were Sample survey methods and Bio-Statistics. He was Director of the Human Resource Development Centre of the Utkal University for a period during his tenure in the Department.

Professor Pradip Kumar Tripathyjoined the Department as Lecturer in Staticticsin 1990.Prior to his joining in the Utkal University,Prof.Tripathy studied at the International Institute of Population Sciences and served as Statistical Analyst/ Research Assistant in OUAT during 1983 – 1990. He was specialised in Mathematical Demography and Operations Research. He had vibrant personality and contributed immensely to the researches in Operations Research in the state. Prof Tripathy was recipient of Chandrasekharan award, Indian Association for The Study of Population in 1993.

Among others, who have left their imprints in the journey of the Department, are late Dr. Chakradhar Mishra, Prof.M. Vaidyanathan, Shri Asim Das, Dr. Gopal KrushnaMishra,ProfSuprasanMohanty , Late Dr. L.K.Pati, Shri LokanathSarangi, Smt. Srilekha Das,Prof.Bhabesh Sen, Dr(Smt.) Minati Mishra, Dr.LalitMohan Patnaik, Dr.RadhaGobindaMohanty, LatePanchananPrasad Mishra, Shri ParamanandaNayak, Smt. Pratima MishraDr.Pravat Kumar Sarangi, Dr.Ranjan Kumar Sahooand last but not least Shri Prabhata Das.

The Department of Statistics from its humble beginning has come to a stable status and has produced some brilliant alumni who have excelled in Indian Statistical Service, Major Statistical Organisations of the State, National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, National Sample Survey Office, Banking services, Administrative services, reputed Management Institutes, different research organisations of India and abroad (USA and Canada),legal professions, besides occupying faculty positions in many colleges and universities of state and socio-political sectors. It may be underlined here that late Shri Yogeshwar Dash was one among them who had the distinction ofreaching the highest rank of Director General, Central Statistical Organisation, Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

The Department is at present managed by three faculty members, e g, Professor Kunja Bihari Panda, Dr.PriyaRanjan Dash, Reader and Dr. Prafulla Kumar Swain, Asst. Professor, Prof. Panda being at the helm. While Prof. Panda, the topper of his batchand a Ph.D. from University of Delhi (UGC Fellow), is disseminating hierarchic estimation in Design – Based and Model – Based Sampling, his colleague Dr. Dash, a brilliant scholar and also the topper, pursues active research in Sample Survey Methods, Stochastic Modelling and Multivariate Analysis. Last but not least, Dr. Swain, a young, dynamic and vibrant scholar having accomplished his Post Graduation from Benaras Hindu University and Ph. D. from University of Delhi, is concentrating on Bio – Statistics and Demography, relatively demanding fields of research today.

Utkal University instituted the Pharmacy course in the year 2000 under the able guidance of Prof U.N.Dash, Dept of Chemistry intending to nurture and promote quality and excellence in Pharmaceutical Education &Research. Pharmacy course caters to the need for trained manpower in health care and allied sectors thereby serving the community and common people of Odisha and abridges collaborations with Basic & Allied Sciences, Medical Sciences (Allopathic, Ayurvedic, Homeopathy), Information Technology and Bioinformatics to meet the global challenges. The Pharmacy course corroborates the studies of sociological aspects of drug use, abuse and rural healthcare by running programs in drug surveillance, community pharmacy, and pharmaceutical management and brings synergy among academics, R&D, technology and industries by collaboration between Indian institutions with industries to meet the global challenges.. The pharmacy has a great future in coming years ahead as it has to provide a safe, effective and quality medicine to the human being with utmost accuracy and precision. In Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chemistry is one of the core subjects, so it was started in the P.G. Dept. of Chemistry with basic hardcore research in different areas of Chemistry. To bring the outcome of research for the utility of the public, it requires the development of adequate infrastructure and sufficient financial resources to satisfy the regulatory guideline. By understanding the importance of drug regulation a comparison of the guidelines of the generic drug has been carried out which gave us the idea that how the drug and food need to be regulated through research & teaching in Pharmacy and a lot of development would be seen in regulation of drug and food sector. It takes almost 10 years of a long time with an expenditure of around 100 crores for developing a DRUG. One has to synthesize at least 1000 molecules before short listing one drug for a clinical trial. Therefore, the use of computational chemistry is required in the 21st century which is going on in the dept. of Pharmacy to some extent. Interdisciplinary research in Pharmacy, Allied & Applied Sciences is being undertaken in collaboration with different Research Institutions of repute. The findings of the research are being published in Journals of National and International repute and also presented in National & International Conferences/ Seminars. The Department has received grants from funding agencies viz., UGC AICTE, DST, ICMR through various Research Projects. The major Thrust Areas includes Computer-aided drug design ,Method development, Quality control, Stability studies, In-vitro& In-vivo Bioavailability studies of Medicinal Formulations(Taste masking/ Floating/ Solid dispersion/ Transdermal drug delivery/ Microspheres/ Microemulsion/ Self Nano Emulsifying delivery system), Phytochemical investigation of Medicinal Plants and Isolation of Active / Marker compounds, Microbial Enzymes, Biological screening, Toxicity studies, Quality evaluation &Standardization of Herbal & Biological drugs / products. The Department has produced B.Pharm, M.Pharm and Ph.D. students. The students after successful completion of the course are 100% well placed in Government as well as Private sectors like Drugs Control Administration (Drugs Inspector), Drug Testing Laboratory (Scientific Officer/ Drugs Analyst), NHM, OSMC, Hospitals (Pharmacist, Pharmacist-Quality Control, Health Worker, Procurement Manager-Drugs & Surgicals, Vaccine& Cold Chain Manager, Logistic Manager, Consultants), Pharma Industries & Bulk Drugs (Drugs Manufacturing Chemist, QA, QC, Regulatory Affairs, Patents & IPR), Pharmacovigilance, Research Organizations (R&D- Formulations, Analytical, Contract Research Organization) and Educational Institutions. The AICTE (PG) scholarships being sanctioned to the GATE/GPAT qualified students for pursuing an M.Pharm course. Some of the students of UDPS are recipients of the DST-Women scientist scheme fellowship, JRF, and SRF in various research projects.

The global Pharmaceutical market is 1000 billion USD, the Indian Pharmaceutical market is 40 billion USD and India exports 20 billion USD. Odisha as a state having enormous potential to contribute to global as well as Indian market. We have the talent pool as many Pharmacy Institutions are located in Odisha. The state is well connected through road & air and abundant water and land resources are available. The Pharmaceutical sector has significant development in states like Gujurat, Maharastra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, and Himachal Pradesh. I Hope, UDPS will contribute to the development of Pharmaceutical Industries in Odisha at par with the other states.

The year 1960 was a landmark year in the history of Zoological studies in Odisha. This year on 21st July Utkal University started the Postgraduate Department of Zoology with the aim to achieve excellence in teaching, research and innovation in different areas of Zoology. The Department and its inmates always tried to remain sensitive and responsive to the changing needs of the society under the leadership of Prof. B. K. Behura at the historic Ravenshaw College (Presently Ravenshaw University), Cuttack, Odisha. The department was subsequently shifted to the Utkal University Campus on 12th July 1973.

Since 1960, the Department has been imparting teaching and training students in various emerging areas of Zoology with the following vision.

1. To create, innovate and disseminate knowledge in Zoological sciences.

2. To provide state of art infrastructure and a conducive environment for students and faculty to produce globally competent professionals.

3. To conserve faunal diversity through sustainable approaches.

4. To inculcate morality, ethical values and humanity among the young minds.

Prof. B. K. Behura, a first class from Calcutta University and a Ph.D. from Edinburgh University, U. K., headed the Department for more than two decades. Frontline Zoologist like Padma Shri Late Prof. M.S. Kanungo, Ph.D., University of Illionis and Padma Shri Prof. P. Mohanty-Hejmadi, Ph.D., University of Michigan have contributed immensely in establishing this center of learning in Zoology in their home state. Further, the contribution made by Prof. D. R. Naik, Ph.D., Banaras Hindu University; Prof. K. Bohidar, D.Sc., Utkal University; Prof. B. B. Parida, Ph.D., University of Kalyani; Prof. S. P. Bhunya, Ph.D., University of Kalyani; Prof. G. B. N. Chainy, Ph.D., Banaras Hindu University; Prof. S. Das, Ph. D., University of New Castle, England; Prof. B. C. Guru, Ph.D., Sambalpur University; Prof. S. K. Dutta, Ph.D., Utkal University and University of Kansas; Prof. A. K. Patra, Ph.D., Visva-Bharati University; Prof. P. K. Mohanty, Ph.D., Sambalpur University; Prof. L. Samanta, Ph.D., Utkal University, presently Professor at Ravenshaw University in last six decades have helped in shaping and enriching the structure and scope of Zoology in the state and outside. At present, the Department has three regular and one guest faculty members, namely Prof. P. K. Mahaptra, Profesor, Dr G. Sahoo, Reader, Dr S. S. Nishank, Assistant Professor and Guest faculty Dr H. H. Patnaik.

In the meantime, the Department has grown to a 59 year old institution and has celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 2010. Notwithstanding the highs and lows during these years, the department has earned many laurels and has made a name in Zoology in the national arena. The department offers regular courses in M. Sc., M. Phil. and Ph.D. in Zoology. Our faculty and students continue to contribute towards updating and upgrading the curriculum. This has resulted in getting funds under the DRS (UGC), FIST (DST) and PURSE (DST) schemes for further upgrading the status of the Department.

The seminar library contains more than 3, 000 text and reference books. This library remains open for 24 hours and is completely managed by the students. Department maintains its animal house that has facilities for rearing animals and a laboratory for rearing aquatic anuran tadpoles. There is a computer networking room for students and research scholars and a class room with ICT facility.

Equipment available in the department for teaching and research include UV visible Spectrophotometer, HPLC, GEL Documentation, Thermal Cycler, Real time PCR, Fluorescence microscope, ELISA reader, Compound microscope, Cold centrifuge, Deep freezer-20oC, Gel Electrophoresis units, Water bath, Vacuum oven, Digital balance, Water distillation unit, Tissue homogenizer, pH meter, , Densitometer, , BOD incubator and Laminar Flow.

Achievements

i. Students

Our research scholars have obtained different international and national fellowships like Fulbright-Nehru, Scholarship from University of Haifa, Israel, CSIR-UGC-NET, GATE, ICMR, TIFR, NBRC, DST-INSPIRE, RGNF and UGC-BSR Fellowships. The M. Sc. students receive scholarships from various funding agencies namely Summer fellowship from Indian Academy of Sciences, P.G. Basic Science (Institute of Mathematics), P.G. Merit Scholarship (UGC), P.G. Merit Scholarship (DHE) Odisha, Dr Pranakrishna Parija Scholarship, POSCO Scholarship, DST-INSPIRE Fellowship, PRERANA and Hindustan Copper Ltd. Scholarship.

ii. Faculties

The faculties of the department have earned several honours and distinctions from national and state agencies such as Padma Shri, Central Sangeet Natak Academy Award, Pitambar Pant National Award, Fellows of Science Academies of India, Biju Pattanaik Award, Kalinga Sanman, Samanta Chandra Sekhar Award, Senior Scientist award. Our faculty members have also served as Vice Chancellors.

Ongoing Research

1. The laboratory of Developmental Biology that was establishes by Padma Shri P. Mohanty-Hejmadi, continues research anuran regeneration. The significant research finding of the laboratory was retinoid induced homeotic transformation of anuran tails to limbs which was published in the most prestigious research journal, Nature in the year 1991 authored by P. Mohanty-Hejmadi, S.K. Dutta and P. Mahapatra. The laboratory under the leadership of Prof. Mahapatra is currently investigating the molecular aspects of the retinoid induced transdifferentiation of tail to limbs in anuran tadpoles (Funded by DST, Govt. of India). Role of Fibroblast growth factor during tail regeneration in anuran tadpoles (Supported by DST, PURSE grant) has been established recently.

2. Genetic diversity in earthworms and its association with their geographic distribution in state of Odisha" Funded by SERB (DST), Govt. of India is the area of interest of Dr. S. S. Nishank.

3. Dr Gunanidhi Sahoo and his team focus on feeding ecology of amphibian tadpoles.

Research collaboration

The Department has established collaboration with several leading institutes of India and abroad, namely, Wild life Institute of India; Center for Cellular and Molecular Biology; North Orissa University; Uppsala University, Sweden; Regional Medical Research Center, Bhubaneswar; Nandankanan Zoological park; AIIMS, Bhubaneswar and Zoological Survey of India.

Teaching-learning & evaluation

Inductive pedagogy

Models, demonstrative methods and field studies

Extramural lectures by eminent scientists

Assignments to students

Quiz, essay, debate, elocution, face the interview and art competition

Student projects, dissertation, thesis

Field trips and study tour

Our University is celebrating the closing platinum Jubilee. Centre for Agri-Management (CAM) offers a two-year Post Graduate Programme in Agribusiness Management in the Department of Business Administration under PPP mode since 2006. It was launched under the leadership of eminent Professor Dr.J.P.Singh with a vision; to nurture the students for achieving success in agribusiness related careers. The Centre which had a humble beginning with one faculty and a very few students has grown reasonably strong today with six full time faculty members , ten numbers of Visiting faculties and more than 150 students.

Placement is one of the advantages that CAM offers since its inception .It has an immaculate record in campus placement. CAM has always been much favored talent hunting ground for corporate world as it delivers industry-ready students.

Activities :

Centre for Agri-Management , strongly believes in experiential learning which can take place beyond four walls of teaching . Students learn more effectively by seeing and doing the things. This is the time to initiate for bridging the gap between the rote learning of classrooms and the real life skills. In this endeavor , the centre has initiated to establish a "Rural Technology Park" under RUSA-2.0 in the University campus . It provides a platform and ample opportunities for the Faculty Members , students and other stake holders to showcase their live project/ business model related to sustainable rural enterprise in an eco friendly environment.

it is an experimental platform in the University campus for live projects, where our students and teachers apply their learning/ ideas for innovation and knowledge generation. The good old saying "Seeing is Believing" is put to practice. Rural Technology Park focus on Agribusiness and transform them into successful business models.

The RTP guides students ,aspiring agri- entrepreneurs , SHG members , farmers to develop profitable agribusiness enterprises involving Nursery , Mushroom cultivation , Duck-Fish integrated farming ,Natural farming , vermin compost , bio compost ,bee keeping , protective farming , urban farming and etc.

Rural Immersion module :(Village Visit Programme)

The four-week long Village visit programme conducted at end of the first semester . It exposes the students to the realities of the lives of the farmers. The Students have to stay with farmer's family. The students are divided into small groups and each group is attached to a local host organisation . The students interact directly with the village farmers as well as execute a small action-oriented task entrusted by the host organisation. This Programme provides the students an opportunity to understand the potential areas for development in agriculture as well as the constraints faced by the farmers. The students are also expected to participate in collaborative research work with faculty members in identifying issues, challenges and strategies for the management of FPOs and other livelihood models.

At the end of the progmme , a report is prepared and submitted on village visit segment . It evaluated on the basis of their presentations and discussions in the seminars, reports submitted, feedback from the host organisations, feedback from the faculty guides and, where necessary, individual interviews. This programme has supported by Care India , Reliance Foundation , Paradeep Phosphates Ltd, AMUL & SAMB,Govt.of Odisha

Collaborative Approach :Academic and research collaboration is a very valuable tool that not only accelerates the progress but also enhances the quality of the work and extends the repertoire of the partners. Centre for Agri-Management(CAM) emphasises close collaborations between faculty and students to address academic, technological and societal challenges.

CAM Collaborate with;

Directorate of Horticulture , Govt. of Odisha, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Paradeep Phosphate Ltd., State Agricultural Marketing Board, National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM), Extension Activities: Odisha Krushi - (AGRI EXPO),

An Exclusive Exhibition for Agriculture Products Machineries, Seeds, Agri Chemicals, Poultry, Livestock, Dairy & Agri processing Technologies organized by state government every year.

The expo provides an excellent platform to the exhibitors to showcase their products, services, technologies, strength etc. to lakhs of farmers. Our students participated since 2011 and opened a stall to showcase their different agro-based products(Vermicompost ,bio pesticide , mix organic manure , neem cake , hydroponic model , different plants with pot) in the exhibition and got exposure to the latest developments in the field of agriculture, including new variety of seeds, equipment, techniques, technologies, irrigation systems etc.

Street food festival (as a micro business model)

As part of the Course Curriculum, the Agribusiness Students of Utkal University organized the street food festival on 26th- 28th January every year in the University campus. The different food items were prepared by students in groups according to the culture and tradition of their state Origin. The food items were hygiene, up to the taste and being served in neat and cleanliness. At the end primarily they learn how they will venture into micro-enterprises of their preferences. The festival pooled huge number of food lovers of the campus and across the city. The festival astonishingly gained economic viability besides instilling confidence among the students.

Alumnae Meet:The CAM has been organizing the alumnae meet in the month of January. For this, our alumnae who are currently serving in different sectors shared their thoughts and the influence, the Centre had made on their lives. Several alumnae also gave generous contributions towards the extension activities of the CAM.

It is the individual and collective contribution of each faculty member in achieving this milestone with a great sense of satisfaction and fulfillment. The Centre will continue to maintain its excellence with the strong support of Department of Business Administration. May God strengthen the Centre to flourish in the forth coming years.









We are proud that our university is celebrating its Platinum Jubilee. Utkal University is the mother University of all Universities in Odisha and the pioneer and torch bearer of higher education and research in the state. True to its traditions and spirit, to cater to the emerging needs of the developing state of Odisha and to provide quality management education to the youth aspiring to be managers and entrepreneurs, the Department of Business Administration was set up in 1984 and offered 2 year Master of Business Administration (MBA) programme with full funding from UGC with a comprehensive package covering establishment of the Department, student's hostel and faculty quarters. During the initial years, the Dept. was nurtured by our sister department of Commerce. However, in 1990, the department functioned from a different venue outside the university campus with newly recruited faculty members who had wide ranging expertise in management education with background of service/training in IIM, industry experience, and education in institutes of repute in India and abroad. The Department moved to its permanent building in the university campus in 1993. Subsequently, in 1994, the Dept. offered a 3 year part time MBA programme for serving executives who wanted to further their career in management. This programme is currently running as 2 year Executive MBA (EMBA) programme. Following the principle of 'catching them young', the Dept. in 1999 initiated the 5 year Integrated MBA (IMBA) programme for students after their +2 education, the first of its kind in Eastern India and among the very few in India. The EMBA and IMBA programmes operate on Self Financing mode. Subsequently in 2006, MBA (Agri- Business) programme was started in PPP mode. The Department also offers Ph.D. and D.Litt. programmes in Management. Currently, the Department has the highest student strength in the campus, bustling with more than 550 students and functioning from morning 8 AM to late in the evening catering to the need of different programmes which we run. It is also the highest contributor of funds to the University. Truly, this is a Department "which manages more with less".

Besides the regular faculty members of the Department, in order to broad base its expertise pool, it takes help of visiting faculty from other departments of the University, management institutes and experts from the industries. Industry-academia interface is a regular feature in the Department which makes the students market ready. The Dept. also conducts Seminars (National/ International) so as to remain abreast and assimilate the latest developments in the arena of management. The Department publishes a bi-annual journal, 'The Sankalpa: International Journal of Management Decisions 'with contribution of quality research papers by authors from Abroad and Pan India. A wall magazine, 'Viewpoint' is also published with contribution from students and faculty members of the Department.

The Department is proud of its alumni. The department for the past 35 years has produced many entrepreneurs, managers and academicians who are occupying top management positions in large corporate and academic institutions. It will be relevant to mention here that the Dept. has produced a civil service examination topper and many others who have been successful in OPSC and UPSC examinations. The Department gratefully acknowledges the contribution of the retired faculty members, staff and alumni in providing a strong foundation to this Department which in turn will help in fluttering the flag of Utkal University higher and farther.

Bande Utkal Janani ! JAI HIND !!

The Post Graduate Department of Anthropology was established in 1958, started functioning in a borrowed government building near the Old Convent School, Bhubaneswar, under the stewardship of Late Professor Dr. A. Aiyappan and later, in 1962 was shifted to the Utkal University Campus, Vani Vihar. It occupied its present building in the campus as early as 1971, in the first phase of the growth of the University Campus. The Department started with the faculty, namely, Late Professor Dr. A. Aiyappan, Dr. N. Patnaik, Dr. P. D. P. Rao, and Dr. K. K. Das, and the student strength was 8, subsequently increased to 16 in 1964-65, to 24 in 1972-73 and to 32 in 1986-87. The Department witnessed a new phase of its growth with Professor Dr. L. K. Mahapatra as its Professor and Head in 1967.

From its inception, the Department began teaching Social Anthropology and Physical Anthropology as the two major specializations. The third major specialization, Prehistoric-Archaeology, was introduced beginning with the academic session 1973. Teaching the fourth specialization, South-East Asia Culture Area Study, began in 1978. Population Anthropology and Development Anthropology, respectively, the fifth and the sixth specialization started with the academic session 1988. However, South-East Asia Culture Area Study and Population Anthropology had to be discontinued due to paucity of teachers. In 1978, the Department was selected for Faculty Improvement Programme by the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, as one of the three University Departments in the whole country. Very few Universities in India have facilities for so many specializations. The teachers of this Department have earned recognition and distinctions in both national and international levels for their contributions in various branches of anthropology. More than one hundred students have been awarded Ph. D. from this Department. Six Professors of this Department served as Sectional President of the Anthropological and Behavioural Sciences section of the Indian Science Congress in various years. Very few Departments in India have this distinction.

The faculty members of the Department are also members of various bodies in national and international levels as well as in the editorial board of a number of reputed journals. The Department was awarded the CSIR-Kalinga-Haldane Chair in Human Genetics. The Department had organized the Centenary Celebration of the internationally acclaimed scientist late J. B. S. Haldane in 1992. The Department had organized the Centenary Celebration of the First Odia Archaeologist Padmasri Paramananda Acharya in 1993. This Department has the distinction of being one of the three Departments in the country to have been accorded the Centre of Advanced Study status by the University Grants Commission. At this moment, second phase of CAS (UGC-CAS-II) has been accorded to the Department. It has the distinction of being the first Anthropology Department in the country to have been awarded the ASHISS grant by the UGC. The Department was accorded Department of Special Assistance status (DSA Programme) by UGC for three successive phases from 1988 to 2007.

The Department has been regularly organizing national and international seminars/ conferences / workshops on various themes pertaining to different fields of anthropology. In 2015, under the auspices of Indian National Confederation of Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA), the Department had organized the Indian Anthropology Congress 2015 (12th INCAA Congress). In the same year, the Department co-organized an international seminar on 'Reviving Old Linkages and Exploring New Opportunities' under the auspices of Kalinga-Lanka Foundation. It was involved in organization of an international conference on 'India & the Indian Ocean: Renewing the Maritime Trade & Civilisation Linkages', where Prof. Kishor K. Basa played a key role as the Secretary of the Reception Committee. The Department has initiated the Japanese Language Pilot Project w.e.f. academic session 2015-16 where students, research scholars and faculty members of Utkal University are imparted elementary level Japanese language training. The Department celebrated its Diamond Jubilee Year in 2018 by organizing a National Seminar on 'Tribal Situation with reference to Eastern India'. The Department was recognized by MHRD, Govt. of India as a National Resource Centre in Anthropology for preparation of e-Teaching-Learning material for teachers at college and university levels. The Department has been organizing national and international seminars, conferences and workshops regularly where eminent scholars are invited and deliver their talk on socially relevant issues. In 2019, the Department has organized an international seminar on 'Understanding tribes in Ne-Liberal Era'. An academic journal 'Man in Society', with ISSN number 2347-1530 is being published by the Department since 1973.


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